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RUC accused of standing by in face of violence and intimidation

Mob rules as strike grips Ulster

● Police in full riot gear took to the streets of Northern Ireland after mob violence and intimidation swept through the province.
● Thousands of people stayed away from work and shops and schools closed as the 24-hour "loyalist" strike against the Anglo-Irish agreement took hold.
● Mr Tom King, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, condemned Unionist leaders for failing to control the "hoodlum element" in a "so-called peaceful protest".

By Richard Ford

Mob violence and widespread intimidation erupted across Northern Ireland yesterday as the 24-hour "loyalist" strike against the Anglo-Irish agreement effectively paralysed large areas of the province.

Last night after vicious rioting in working-class east Belfast, police in full riot gear broke through makeshift barricades and dispersed a crowd of about 500 youths who had gone on the rampage.

As the strike headed into its final hours Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, defended the police against numerous allegations that they had stood by as people were intimidated by loyalist pickets.

Mr King angrily denounced the leaders of the Official and Democratic Unionist Parties for doing little to control "hoodlum element" in what he described as a "so-called peaceful protest". He said: "I find it incredible that people who claim to be loyalists and supporters of the Crown actually put this appalling strain on the police".

The deputy leader of the SDLP, Mr Seamus Mallon, accused the RUC of a blatant abrogation of their duty saying there were two sorts of law: one for the loyal sons of Ulster and another for other people.

But Sir John Hermon, the Chief Constable, appeared on television to say there were bound to have been shortcomings but overall there had been "sterling police work in the interests of the whole community".

The degeneration into violence of what Mr James Molyneaux, leader of the OUP and the Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the DUP, had wanted to be a "dignified and peaceful protest" came as no surprise to the Government.

However there was concern at how quickly the protests snowballed into trouble and moderate Unionists fear that hardline elements will be encouraged to step up their campaign.

Thousands of workers stayed away from factories, although in many areas white-collar employees reported for their duties.

Only about 10 per cent of employees turned up at the Harland and Wolff Shipyard and the Shorts Aircraft Factory in East Belfast. Others attempting to go to work were greeted with barricades and pickets who attacked cars and verbally abused drivers.

Power cuts closed schools, offices and shops, and Orange Halls were used to provide emergency food supplies for the elderly and sick.

In Belfast city centre, the big shops opened but streets were almost empty. Shops and bars in the suburbs were shut either out of support for the protest or fear of reprisals.

In loyalist rural areas there was an almost complete closedown of commercial life, and bus and rail travel were severely restricted. Buses running in Belfast were attacked with stones and bricks.

The harbour airport in Belfast closed while at Aldergrove the major airline carriers cancelled flights because they claimed their staff were being intimidated. The harbour at Larne closed and ferry services to the mainland were cancelled.

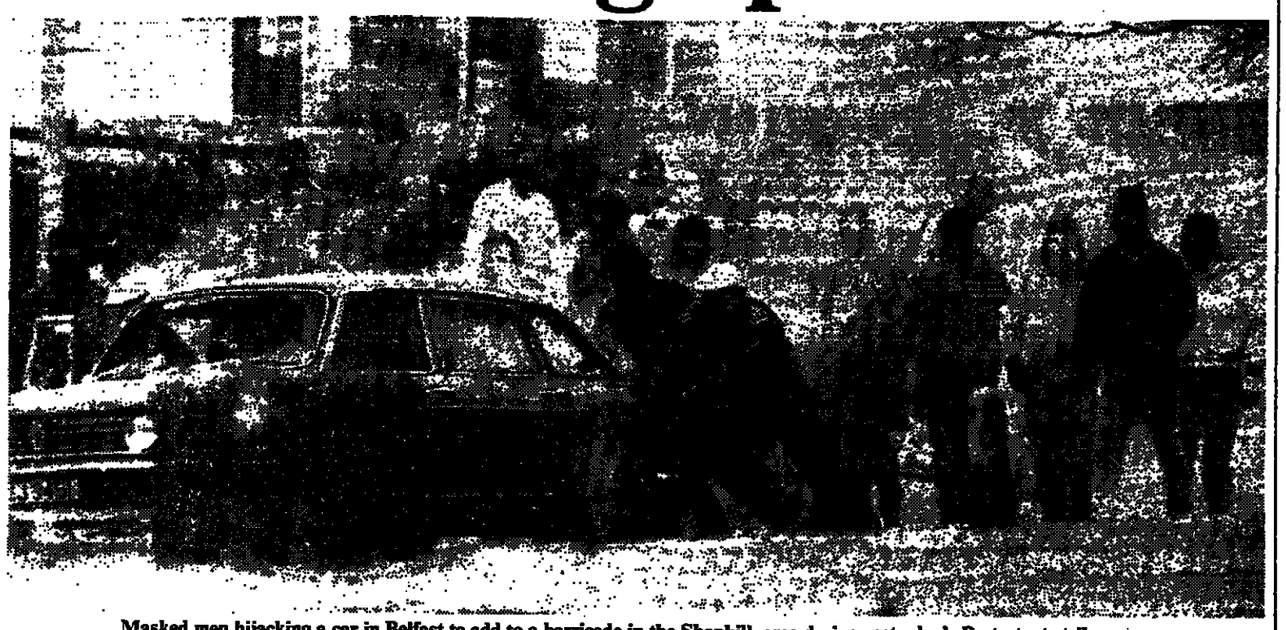
Gangs of youths, many in paramilitary uniforms and with sinister black masks, gathered on street corners while a series of agriculture cavalcades caused traffic disruption.

In one of the worst incidents of the day, women at a clothing factory in Lurgan, Co Armagh, were besieged by a loyalist mob. Police fired plastic baton rounds and took the women to safety in armoured trucks before rioters set light to the building.

Last night, both Mr Molyneaux and Mr Paisley condemned the intimidation, but insisted it had been overexaggerated and that most people had willingly stayed away from work.

However there is renewed questioning about how far the men can control their hardliners.

Loyalist intimidation, page 2



Masked men hijacking a car in Belfast to add to a barricade in the Shankill area during yesterday's Protestant strike

Police watch as pickets and barbed wire rule the roads

By Paul Vallely

The woman's mistake was to approach the barricade along the road which led from the Catholic part of Portadown. The first group of pickets directed her to a second and the second group to a third. Two policemen stood and watched.

Each time she repeated her request that she be allowed through to take the woman beside her in the passenger seat to a doctor. Each time she was subjected to a stream of abuse.

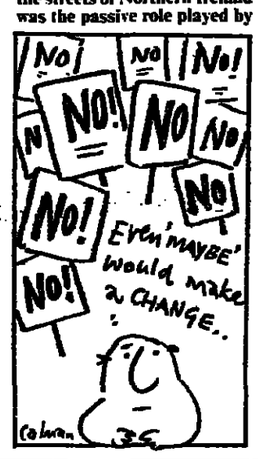
"I'm not going to work. I have to get her to the doctors," she said. They continued to refuse. She lost her temper.

"We're not letting you through because you didn't ask nicely", said a large man with an ugly sneer. His friend, a small hyperactive character wearing a BP cap, picked up a roll of barbed wire from the barricade and draped it across the pavement in front of the cars wheels. "Drive across that", he said.

Tears of rage filled the woman's eyes. She reversed out to the cheers of the crowd of about 50 "loyalists", who lined the road at the approach to the barricade which was littered with boxfulls of broken glass.

She revved the car aggressively and the man in the BP cap ran at her screaming abuse and kicked a large dent in the side of the front wing. The crowd cheered. "Get back where you came from", he screeched. The two policemen stood and watched.

One of the most disturbing elements of yesterday's scenes of harassment and bullying on the streets of Northern Ireland was the passive role played by the Royal Ulster Constabulary.



At the side of the roads policemen sat in their squad cars and did nothing as convoys made up of dozens of tractors drove three and four abreast along principal highways while queues of traffic piled up behind them.

Other officers stood with the pickets at the roadblocks of telegraph poles, chains and scattered nails on the edges of small farming towns and larger market towns alike, as if giving official sanction to the activity.

They watched as groups of loyalist workers harangued the handful of individuals who braved the strike and appeared on the largely deserted streets of the province. Around them windows were newly broken and rubbish skips had been set on fire.

One police inspector told me that he sat in a police minibus hemmed in on both sides by a blockade of farm vehicles: "Our job is to prevent disorder. So far there seems to have been none that I have seen. But if I were to try to remove the barricades that could cause more problems than it would

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Land Rover bids to beat deadline

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

A management team led by Mr David Andrews, BL director, was the sole bidder to has emerged last night for the state-owned group's Land Rover operations.

But General Motors of America, which has been drawing up its proposals for more than nine months, said it would meet the Government's deadline of midnight tonight and formally lodge its proposals.

The Laird Group, the engineering company which owns the Metro Cammell Weymann coach business, was up to last night the only bidder for the BL bus operations.

A confident Mr Andrews said last night that a stock market flotation of Land Rover could take place within two years of a successful management buy-out.

Mr Andrews, director responsible for BL commercial vehicles, said the existing management, the financial institutions and banks backing them and stockbrokers were agreed that a stock exchange listing and flotation were possible and would provide capital for the continued development of the Land Rover, Range Rover and the Sherpa van model range.

"This would give us a solid equity base and set us on course for a Jaguar-style take over," Mr Andrews said.

The Department of Trade and Industry made clear last night that the much-criticized deadlineapplied to the Leyland Vehicles and Land Rover operations but not to buses.

With at least 11 named and anonymous groups reported in the past two weeks to be interested in Land Rover, the jewel in the LRL crown, the department is today expecting a last-minute rush to beat the deadline.

A spokesman said a total of six parties were interested in Land Rover: General Motors, Lonrho, Aveling Barford, BL's former heavy construction equipment company, the management consortium and two undisclosed companies. GM has shown interest in the trucks side of the business and there is one other potential, unnamed, foreign bidder.

The department said there was no precise time scale for consideration of the expressions of intent but it was hoped that a decision would be taken before the end of the month.

Mr Paul Spicer, a director of Lonrho, said yesterday it was continuing to prepare its submission which would be delivered today "although there has not been enough time to do a proper study".

Laird will have to compete for the bus business with Volvo of Sweden, which makes coaches at its Irvine, Ayrshire, factory, and a management buy-out team led by the managing director, Mr Ian McKinnon.

Meanwhile, 500 workers began a two-day strike at the BL Unipart spares depot at Horspath near Oxford

Grants by GLC lawful ruling

By Hugh Clayton
Environment Correspondent

A High Court judge yesterday cleared cleared the way for a £105 million "spending spree" by the Greater London Council and two other Labour-controlled metropolitan councils.

Mr Justice Macpherson ruled that spending plans by the GLC, Greater Manchester Council and West Midlands County Council, all of whom will be abolished at the end of this month, were lawful.

Conservatives immediately appealed against the judgement, which cuts across the efforts of ministers to deny the GLC what they call "a life after death".

The judgement allows the GLC to fund for a year after its abolition hundreds of voluntary groups that it has financed in the years of Labour control since 1981. It also allows it to hand over £40 million crucial to Inner London Education Authority

Mr Justice Macpherson accepted that some GLC decisions might have "political or social overtones which may please some and dismay others". Ratepayers would get the decisions they deserved from councillors they had elected "in this case as in many others".

It was not for the court to rule on the popularity of such decisions. None of the seven councils to be abolished was bound to hand over surplus revenue to councils that would take over afterwards. There was no impropriety or irrationality in the spending considered yesterday to justify court intervention.

The total at stake in yesterday's case exceeded £100 million. Westminster conceded that about £20 million should be allowed because it had been cleared by ministers. Greater Manchester Council was allowed to spend almost £9 million and West Midlands almost £1 million.

The Westminster appeal will begin on Monday.

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Greek tanker explodes in Bay of Biscay

Brest (AP) — A 70,000-ton Greek tanker, the Galini, exploded and caught fire in the Bay of Biscay yesterday, killing and seriously injuring crewmen, the French Atlantic rescue centre announced.

Falmouth coastguards said two crewmen were killed, three injured and 28 were missing.

The tanker was about 200 miles off the French coast when there were "many explosions followed by fire". Helicopters evacuated the injured to Spain.

Tomorrow

True or fake?



The Times, with the help of leading art historians, solves the $6 million mystery of the Getty museum's Annunciation

The tragedy of Jessica
One parent's story of a cot-death

Portfolio

There is £6,000 to be won in today's Times Portfolio competition because there have been no winners for the past two days. Portfolio list, page 20; how to play, information service, page 32.

Swedish hope

Sweden's new leader, Mr Ingvar Carlsson, promised to continue the policies of his assassinated predecessor, Mr Olof Palme. He will be sworn in next Wednesday Page 7

Riot arrests

Cairo authorities have arrested seven people, including a lawyer, accused of leading police riots in which 37 people are known to have died Page 5

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Cold spell shows sign of ending

By a Staff Reporter

Britain began to warm up yesterday after the second coldest February of the century - but forecasters said that spring, officially due at the end of the month, is still a long way off.

Yesterday's temperature was the warmest since the end of January when it rose to 45°F, but it was still well below the seasonal average for March of 48°F.

From today the weather will continue to approach the seasonal norm though conditions will be changeable with spells of rain.

Despite the improvement in the weather, emergency cold weather survival kits were being sent to old people packed by volunteers from Age Concern.

The kits, worth about £20 each, include thermal underwear, fuel stamps, a powdered drink, chocolate, soup, advice on keeping warm and on allowances they may be able to claim.

● The 150th running of the Waterloo Cup has been abandoned because of the freeze. The running grounds at Altcar, Southport, were still deeply frozen when inspected at noon yesterday.

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Hopes grow for teachers pay deal

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

The two sides in the teachers pay dispute were inching towards a settlement last night after the second biggest union apparently conceded a crucial point.

Prospects for an end to the one-year dispute look good after the teachers and employers agreed to insert two new paragraphs in the deal.

The National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers agreed that industrial action should not continue for the duration of talks which are expected to start soon on major reforms to the profession. They are to be under the auspices of the Acas conciliation service.

The NAS/UWT did not insist that local authority employers withdraw letters sent to teachers in 70 areas threatening to dock pay for refusal to undertake "voluntary" duties such as covering for absent colleagues. Instead, it agreed to talks at local level about the letters.

Nor did employers insist on a definition of what constituted a return to normal duties, which lets individual NAS/UWT members off the hook.

"The parties will advise their constituents that for the purpose of the Acas talks and so long as those talks are in progress, no action should be taken which is likely to make the existence of the letters the basis of a dispute," the crucial new paragraph said.

The other said the two sides would take such steps as they could to make sure calm was restored to the schools.

Uranium plant scare

An employee of the Capenhurst, Cheshire, factory of British Nuclear Fuels Limited was contaminated with uranium during routine maintenance work.

The company said that less than a thousandth of a gram of virtually inactive metal was involved, and there was no question of a leak during the incident on Sunday.

The plant was built in the early 1950s.

The purpose was to increase the proportion of uranium 235 in material needed for weapons. Natural uranium ore is mainly in the form of uranium 238, and only 0.7 per cent is in the fissile form of U325 that can be used to create a nuclear chain reaction.

10p rise in medicine charges

By Our Social Services Correspondent

Prescription charges are expected to rise by 10p from next month with a similar 5 per cent increase in charges for National Health Service dental treatment.

The increase, to be announced in the next fortnight, will take the prescription charge to £2.10 after it has already risen ten-fold, well ahead of the rate of inflation

Dental charges, where patients pay the first £17 and 40 per cent of the cost thereafter, are expected to rise by 5 per cent.

The increases will come as the British Medical Association is pressing ministers to review prescription charges, claiming that the present system is "flawed, anomalous, inequitable".

Dr Michael Wilson, chairman of the association's general medical services committee, said some patients were deterred from seeking treatment because of the prescription charge, which in certain cases is more than the cost of the medicines.

The association criticizes the blanket exemption from charges of the elderly and children, which takes no account of patients' ability to pay.

More face sack by Kremlin

From Christopher Walker
Moscow

More heads are expected to roll in the top echelons of Soviet industry following a damning indictment of recent economic mismanagement in the USSR delivered yesterday in a keynote address to the 27th Communist Party Congress by Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov, the new Soviet Prime Minister.

Launching an ambitious blueprint to revive the flagging economy by the year 2,000 and double national income, Mr Ryzhkov laid most of the blame for present difficulties on mistakes made during the era of Mr Leonid Brezhnev.

The Prime Minister — who has day-to-day responsibility for running the economy — singled out many individual Soviet ministries and other state bodies for bitter criticism.

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Anglican split threatened over moves to Rome

By Clifford Longley

A formal split in the Church of England is being threatened by one of the senior evangelical groups in opposition to Anglican-Roman Catholic unity moves.

Church Society, which is leading a vigorous campaign against unity between the Church of England and the Roman Catholic Church, says it is preparing to set up a "continuing Church of England", parallel to the existing Anglican church. This would maintain "the rites, ceremonies, and doctrines of the Protestant Reformed Religion, as by law established".

A society spokesman said plans were well advanced, and the decisive moment was not far away. This could come if the General Synod of the Church of England decided to give its official endorsement later this year, or next, to the two statements from the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission. One concerns the doctrine of priesthood and the other the Holy Communion and the Eucharist.

Those two statements have received provisional approval from the General Synod, and have been passed for further debate to the Church of England's diocesan and deanery synods. Meetings of these bodies are currently being held all over the country to discuss what response the Church of England should give.

Church Society claims to have evidence that in a few cases proper debate is being denied, and that the two statements are being forced through by the diocesan bishop. The council of the society discussed these reports last week, and decided to issue its threat of a split.

The threat will nevertheless cause no great surprise in the Church of England, for Church Society has been hostile to Anglican-Catholic unity from the start and its public statements have been taking an increasingly strong tone. Its director is Dr David Samuel, former secretary of the Protestant Reformation Society, who organized a small protest against the Pope's visit.

The society is the senior evangelical body in the Church of England, but has seen its leadership taken over in recent years by such bodies as the Anglican Evangelical Assembly, which is less opposed to unity with the Roman Catholic Church.

As part of its campaign, 90,000 leaflets attacking the work of the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission have been published and distributed to parishes, and demand for them has been heavy, according to the society.

A spokesman estimated that more than a thousand clergy might want to be members of the "continuing Church of England", and they were prepared to see a national network of dioceses and parishes

The threat is an ironic echo of a warning given by the Bishop of Loadon, Dr Graham Leonard, last year, that Anglo-Catholics might start a "continuing Church of England" if the General Synod persisted with the ordination of women. Dr Leonard and Church Society are at opposite ends of the church spectrum.

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Customs starts new controls to counter gold bullion fraud

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Customs officials will today announce new regulations for the bullion market in a fresh attempt to prevent main dealers such as Johnson Matthey Bankers being abused by value-added tax gold fraudsters to net millions.

According to Customs sources, JMB and other dealers have only accepted current voluntary controls when it has suited them.

On other occasions it is suspected that firms have opted out because of fears their share of gold trading might be reduced.

JMB has continued to opt in and out of controls, according to Customs and City sources, since the Bank of England took control of its affairs after its collapse with losses of £240 million in 1984.

The controls amount to paying VAT direct to Customs rather than to the third party selling the gold. Today Customs will announce that from April all the 100 dealers accepting the control system will have to stick rigidly to paying the VAT direct to the Government.

The change has been agreed with the main figures in the gold market and Customs is confident VAT frauds will be eroded. Since 1981 over £60 million has been lost in VAT frauds involving £400 million in gold sales.

Customs and the Treasury first began to take measures when the gold frauds started to emerge early this decade.

In November 1984 Customs started a system whereby gold dealers could pay VAT on gold purchases direct rather than to the vendors who were supposed to pay the 15 per cent to Customs collectors under the regulations.

The attraction of the system for Customs officials was that it should have prevented situations where vendors smuggled gold into Britain, created false companies and sold their gold into the legitimate market.

The smugglers or their go-betweens were paid the market price for their gold plus the VAT. By the time Customs officials moved in to claim payment the smugglers and the VAT had vanished.

But the system was discretionary for the dealers and some dealers paid the VAT to Customs on some occasions and not on others.

Investigators suspect this might have been done by some dealers because gold on occasion was being offered at a good price and dealers were keen to retain their share of gold sources although it meant paying the VAT to the vendor.

In defence of the dealers it is said that they would pass the VAT to the traders because they might be well-known firms against whom there could be no suspicion of fraud.

'Loyalist' intimidation locks off Catholic areas of Ulster

By Richard Ford

"Loyalist" pickets used road blocks and human barricades to effectively seal off large unionist areas of Northern Ireland yesterday. Throughout the province, the 24-hour loyalist strike was accompanied by intimidation and violence. In many areas the protest against the Anglo-Irish agreement quickly slumped into sporadic violence and attacks on the Royal Ulster Constabulary and men and women wishing to work.

Gangs of loyalists, many in paramilitary-style uniforms, some wearing masks and black balaclavas, congregated in city streets and roamed country towns to enforce the message, "Ulster says stop".

In loyalist areas public houses closed, shops shut and roads in many areas were scorched with the blackened marks of burning cars. Glass was strewn across streets and wrecked vehicles were dumped in side streets. In Belfast, the pall of black smoke was a frequent sight in working-class loyalist strongholds to the north and east of the city.

Some of the worst violence occurred in the city centre when hundreds of youths went on a rampage at the end of a lunchtime rally, attacking a modern public house, and overturning cars and setting them alight.

Outside a bar built and run by Roman Catholics, demonstrators screamed, "We know you", while others threw bricks and sticks through plate glass windows as they fled along two streets in a commercial area. The attacks were indiscriminate and were met with laughter and cheers by young and old alike.

Later, in the Newtownards Road, east Belfast, 500 youths attacked RUC officers with railings and paving stones after overturning a lorry and forming a makeshift barricade of beer barrels.

About 100 masked youths threw petrol bombs at the police on the Ballyfillan estate in the north of the city where cars were hijacked and burnt in the middle of the road.

At the entrance to Stormont and government buildings, gangs of 40 pickets accompanied by leading Democratic Unionist politicians waving union jacks stopped all vehicles and handed out leaflets while the police sat and watched from a parked car.

At Ballynahinch, the charred remains of a burnt-out Chinese take-away food store were dragged across the road to form a barricade. An agricultural convoy caused traffic delays by moving slowly through the town as young men in paramilitary uniforms and masks stood aimlessly

The M1 motorway was blocked for several hours after oil and nails were strewn across the carriageway, while unionist pickets operated at many of the main roundabouts and slip roads leading on to it. Trees were felled to block many minor roads as loyalists effectively sealed off the towns of Newtownards, Comber, Moira, Ballymena, Larne and Omagh for most of the day.



Burning cars and oil drums on a barricade in the Shankill road yesterday.

Violence deplored by MPs

By Philip Webster
Political Reporter

Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, was joined by Labour Party spokesmen yesterday in condemning the violence and intimidation marking the one-day strike in the province.

Mr King said that the action was intended to show the full-hearted attitude of Northern Ireland people. If that was the case why was it necessary to intimidate people to the extent that had been going on?

Mr Merlyn Rees, a former Labour Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, called on the Government to make contingency plans to deal with the outbreak of violence that would occur between the communities if the union between Britain and Northern Ireland was broken.

People who proclaimed their Britishness were telling the Government and Parliament that they did not accept their decisions. "The union of Northern Ireland with Great Britain is at risk when the unionists cock a snook at the Government."

Mr King said that he hoped the union was not in danger."

Mr Peter Archer, Labour spokesman on Northern Ireland, said that it was time the unionist leaders "ceased to be dictated to by the so- called hard men".

Specialist supports Savage

By Nicholas Timmins
Social Services Correspondent

The decision by Tower Hamlets Health Authority in east London to suspend Mrs Wendy Savage over allegations of incompetence was totally unjustified, a specialist in obstetrics said yesterday.

The inquiry into her future as an obstetrician was told that Professor Jurgis Grudzinskas, her head of department, was saying even before he took up his appointment in 1983 that "his first task was to change his senior lecturer," the post Mrs Savage held.

Professor Ronald Taylor, professor of obstetrics at the medical school of St Thomas's and Guy's, told the inquiry that he considered Mrs Savage competent. "I would be perfectly happy to work with her", he said.

In the five cases over which she is charged with incompetence there were "quite a number of instances where things occurred which one would have preferred not to have occurred". But they did not warrant the charge of incompetence.

There were many small issues such as a mother going into labour anaemic, and one or two other circumstances "where I think I would have taken different views".

He told the inquiry of a conversation he had with Professor Grudzinskas at the Athenaeum Club in London after Professor Grudzinskas had been appointed, but before he took up his appointment.

"I was trying to be helpful and asked him how things were going and among other things he told me that his first task was to change his senior lecturer."

Although Professor Grudzinskas did not name Mrs Savage, Professor Taylor said he found the comment "a little bit disturbing".

He said: "I was a bit worried" and passed on advice that he had been given when appointed a professor himself, that it could take 10 years to get a department working the way you wanted it to. Mrs Savage was suspended in 1985.

Professor Taylor told the inquiry that Mrs Savage was at the opposite end of the spectrum of obstetric care but that he thought she stood "fairly close to me". Her practice fell within the ambit of "what is medically acceptable".

The inquiry contines today.

New terminal will not cut congestion

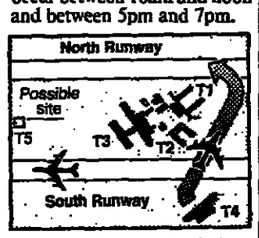
By Michael Baily
Transport Editor

Heathrow's £200 million Terminal Four will not mean any extra flights at the hard-pressed airport this year, it was confirmed yesterday.

Unlike the existing terminals, it is outside Heathrow's main runway system, so aircraft using it will have to cross a runway used for take-off or landing.

Air traffic controllers say that Heathrow's south runway adjoining the terminal, due to be opened by the Prince and Princess of Wales next month, will have to be blocked off to aircraft up to six miles out for up to 40 seconds each time a plane has to taxi across it. The terminal is expected to handle 100 to 150 flights a day.

That means that an expected improvement from 34.5 to 35 movements an hour on the runway this year will not take place, and congestion may occur between 10am and noon and between 5pm and 7pm.



Planes using terminal four will have to cross a runway

Pickets and wire rule roads

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solve. It is best just to let the people have their head."

The roads between Belfast and the border were almost totally deserted. The Customs men at Newry reported that traffic from Belfast was practically non-existent. The busy arterial routes yesterday contained only a few private cars and a little local traffic.

In staunchly loyalist areas even garages which stayed open on Christmas Day closed yesterday. Shops, banks and even the bars and pubs were locked and bolted.

Even the smallest towns had barricades of vehicles or debris blocking the main exit routes. They were manned often by youths hiding their faces with scarves bearing the colours of local Protestant football teams. Some were allowing doctors and nurses through. Others were not.

The mood was angry and sour. "We would eat grass rather than go into a united Ireland which is what this agreement would lead to," said a quarry man at the head of the roadblock outside the little town of Tanderagee. His fellows crowded around and injected their own comments in bitter bursts.

"They want to sell us into the hands of the Pope".

"Tom King is a robot like all the rest before him. They have all been programmed with the same tape."

"We have been bombed and shot at for 16 years and the result is this agreement. The question we now ask ourselves is: does violence pay?"

"Every time we express our will in a vote the ballot papers are torn up by Westminster and thrown in our faces."

"Thatcher is in the pay of Reagan and the BBC is the voice of the IRA."

Reports were coming through on the radio of intimidation in Belfast. They were furious. In areas like this there has been none. "There is no need. Here everyone is solid in saying no to the agreement."

In areas like Portadown, a staunchly Protestant town with a significant Catholic minority near whose homes the shops were yesterday trading as normally, and where support for the strike was not unanimous, the alternative, as the men at the barricades were so ready to demonstrate, was clear.

Civil Servants seek 17% pay increase

Pay rises averaging 17 per cent were sought yesterday for 350,000 Civil Servants, in a claim submitted by four unions.

The Civil and Public Services Association, the Society of Civil and Public Servants, the Inland Revenue Staff Federation and the Civil Service Union agreed the common claim for £10 a week plus 10 per cent from April 1.

They also want "tangible rogress" towards the introduction of a minimum wage and a government commitment to allow Civil Servants to catch up with other workers.

The unions say they have fallen behind by 30 per cent

The First Division Association, for senior Civil Servants, is lodging its own claim, and the Institution of Professional Civil Servants has decided to negotiate with the Government on pay proposals turned down by the other unions.

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Fudging to the edge of Armageddon

By Richard Dowden

Soon after Mr Robert Maxwell took over the Mirror Group Newspapers in July 1984 he said: "People in MGN know that I do not bluff."

He was threatening to close down the four titles if the unions interfered with production. It is a threat he has repeated publicly at least six times.

Mr Maxwell's style has been to threaten Armageddon in public and then negotiate, with dire threats hanging over the union negotiators. But his success in achieving the one-third cut in staff at MGN has come less from his public posturing than his division of the company, so that he could have recourse to the 1982 Act concerning secondary picketing in the event of a strike.

The first confrontation came over the *Sporting Life*. It was losing £3 million a year and he wanted to move publication from Fleet Street to south London.

In mid-August last year printers registered their objection to this move by disrupting production of the other titles. Mr Maxwell halted their publication, drew up dismissal notices for the journalists, and said that the printers had dismissed themselves by breaking their contracts.

The *Sporting Life* was to be sold. "Historic", Mr Maxwell said. "Nothing remarkable in the changes in working practice", Mr Tony Dubbins, general secretary of the National Graphical Association, said.

Mr Maxwell said later: "If production at Holborn Circus is interrupted once more, the decision to abandon the printing of all MGN titles at Holborn Circus will be irreversible and further negotiations will be useless."

It was in November that his biggest battle started. Almost out of the blue he announced that he would close the papers unless the unions would agree to lose 2,000 jobs by the end of the year. He was "not bluffing", he said.

He issued dismissal notices to all 6,000 employees and said he wanted a genuine fresh start. A few days later he offered to withdraw the dismissal notices if the unions would negotiate the redundancies. The unions, having learnt their lesson, refused to negotiate until the threat of dismissal was lifted. Sogat voted to strike.

Mr Maxwell's first reaction was to stop production but within 24 hours he reversed his strategy and decided instead to bring out the papers in spite of the strike. So he threatened to dismiss any NGA members who did not help to bring out the paper and threatened to enter a single union agreement with the electricians.

Talks ensued and a day later normal publication was resumed. Mr Maxwell agreed to withdraw dismissal notices. The union agreed actively to seek "a deal over the MGN survival plan".

At the end of the year, some time after the deadline for agreement had passed, Mr Maxwell announced a miracle. "That's not too exaggerated a word," he said. The union had agreed to 2,100 redundancies, all but 300 of them voluntary.

● A bid to buy the two Scottish papers, the *Daily Record* and the *Sunday Mail*, owned by Mr Maxwell, was launched in Glasgow yesterday.

Today presses start to roll

By Robin Young

New technology willing there are some 1.5 million copies of a new newspaper on sale today. Mr Eddy Shah's colour tabloid *Today* started to roll off the presses at Poyle, near Slough, Birmingham and Manchester shortly after 6pm last night, editorial deadlines having been brought forward in the interests of printing as many copies as possible.

Mr Shah's new project revolutionized Fleet Street before a single copy was printed. The prospect of a low-cost competitor using the full capabilities of new print technology including full page make-up by computer has galvanized established Fleet Street managements into modernization programmes of their own.

The announcement of Mr Shah's plans signalled the start of a race to the London docklands in which first place has been settled by Mr Rupert Murdoch's success in transferring the four News International titles, including *The Times*, to his Tower Hamlets plant in Wapping.

Mr Shah predicted yesterday that the launch of his paper spelt the end of Fleet Street. "I do not think I can be blamed for that. Fleet Street was a mess even before I was born and change has long been overdue", he said.

Mr Brian MacArthur, the *Today* editor, said: "There are lots of people out there who would love to see us fail, but we are over our teething problems. The last dummy issue which we prepared for Sunday was the best we had done, and we feel that we have got everything together at once. We are tremendously excited".



Mr Shah (left) consulting Mr MacArthur, the editor, during production of Today last night.

Dummy issues of the newspaper have been produced regularly since February 25, although none was prepared on the eve of the launch so that production staff had full opportunity to ensure there would be no last-minute hitches with their machinery as the launch issue was being printed.

"It is frightening and absolutely shattering to your confidence when a computer system fails because you never know how long it is going to last", Mr Jeremy Deedes, the managing editor, said.

One computer failure in the newsroom last week lasted two hours, but Mr Deedes said that was a risk with all computer systems.

Mr Shah's company, News (UK), is involved in litigation with the company which originally wired its electrical systems, which are said to suffer from electrical interference. The editors were confident yesterday that the problem had been completely remedied.

Mr MacArthur expected to attempt no more than two edition changes last night, but Mr Shah claims that when the newspaper's technology is fully tested it will be possible to have a reporter's account of an event on the printed page within 15 minutes, and colour pictures within two hours.

The staff were pleased with the reception for *Today*'s first television commercial, in which they were seen donning dark glasses and shouting, "We're ready, Eddy".

Today is distributed by a network of franchisees, including W.H. Smith.

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Ilea drive to ban The Times

By Alan Hamilton

The controlling Labour group on the Inner London Education Authority has launched a campaign to have *The Times* and other News International publications banned from the capital's schools and colleges.

Miss Lesley Hammond, chief whip of the authority's Labour group, has written to every Labour-nominated school and college governor, urging them to pass a resolution cancelling orders for News International papers.

The letter says: "Labour governors may wish to draw attention to the plight faced by print workers and their families by tabling a resolution to the next meeting of their governing bodies which would call on the school or college to cancel orders of newspapers owned by News International."

Similar action at a Staffordshire public library has led Mr John Riley, a barrister, to threaten to apply to the courts

Leaders of the print union, Sogat '82, announced yesterday that they intended to step up their campaign of addressing Labour Party and trade union groups in the hope of persuading further councils and other bodies not to buy News International papers.

The company's management expects to meet Mr Norman Willis, TUC general secretary, this week for exploratory talks on the dispute over the company's Wapping plant.

Aids unit set up in prison

By Richard Evans
Lobby Reporter

An Aids isolation unit is being set up in Brixton prison to treat the growing number of inmates in Britain's jails suffering from the fatal disease, the Government confirmed last night.

Mr David Mellor, Minister of State at the Home Office, said in a Commons answer last night that part of Brixton prison's hospital complex will be converted into an isolation unit for treating patients suffering from infectious diseases, including Aids. So far at least one prisoner has died from the disease.

The 12-bed unit will be staffed by prison hospital officers, and take Aids victims from any prison in Britain.

A spokesman for the Prison Officers Association said yesterday there had been growing concern among members about the Aids. "Prisons have a much higher proportion, compared to the outside world, of homosexuals and drug addicts who are the main groups at risk.

"Prison officers are more at risk than most people because there is always the risk they may be bitten by a prisoner, or be infected by a scratch."

● Winchester prison was closed to the outside world yesterday after an inmate died from meningitis on Saturday (Peter Evans writes).

A second prisoner was in an outside hospital, and others had influenza-like symptoms, which could be meningitis but had not been diagnosed.

Lloyd's call on Hailsham

The Prime Minister has been asked to instruct Lord Hailsham, of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, to get rid of his interests in the Lloyd's insurance market.

Mr Brian Sedgemore, Labour MP for Hackney South and Shoreditch, last night tabled a Commons written question asking for Lord Hailsham to act before the Financial Services Bill reached the House of Lords.

Increase in election cash

Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, yesterday raised the limit for candidates' expenses at parliamentary and local elections.

Parliamentary candidates in county constituencies will be able to spend up to £3,240 with 3.7p for every elector, compared with £2,700 and 3.1p per elector at present. In borough constituencies the same increase applies with the amount per elector going up from 2.3p to 2.8p.

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Bishop 'suspicious' of gifts for man to get salvation from devil

The Bishop of Chichester said yesterday he had been told that Mr Derry Mainwaring Knight, the self-confessed Satanist, was "baptized" in blood.

He had also heard that Mr Knight was dedicated to Satanism by his grandmother before he had been born, the Rt Rev Eric Kemp told Maidstone Crown Court.

Dr Kemp was giving evidence on the 11th day of the trial of Mr Knight, aged 46, of Dormans Land, Surrey, who denies obtaining more than £200,000 by deception.

Dr Kemp, aged 71, said that the Rev John Baker, the rector of Newick who was raising money for Mr Knight from committed Christians, had told him that more Satanic regalia had to be bought after he had already purchased a chalice, sceptre, ring and other regalia for about £70,000.

He said that he first heard of Mr Baker's fund-raising efforts for Mr Knight at the end of June 1984 and had become increasingly concerned and eventually reported the matter to the police in November 1984.

Dr Kemp said that Mr Knight would wear the Satanic regalia while he sat within a pentacle in the Satanic Temple, an underground air-raid shelter in Hockley Woods, Essex.

"There was a gold piece fitted over his toes and fastened around his ankle. There was also a gold headpiece which covered the place where he had had a trepanning operation on his forehead, which had involved the insertion of two discs connected with communication with the Devil", Dr Kemp said.

"There was also a disc, which I was not clear about at the time, and talk of an inverted cross. Mr Baker told me that when Mr Knight wore these items standing in the temple he went into a trace and the Devil spoke through him, giving commands to other leaders of the order."

Mr Baker had told him later that the items were being kept by a jeweller in Eastbourne, East Sussex, then that they were with a jeweller in East Grinstead, West Sussex.

Dr Kemp said he insisted there should be verification that the items had, in fact, been bought after money had been paid over, and suggested to Mr Baker and the Rt Rev Lloyd Morrell, then Bishop of Lewes, that they should see them or have photographs taken of them.

But Mr Baker told him that Mr Knight had refused, claiming the Satanists would become suspicious and jeopardize the operation.

Mr Knight claimed he needed money to buy the regalia and destroy it to extricate himself from Satanism. It is alleged he used the cash obtained from wealthy Christians on high living, fast cars and girls.

Dr Kemp said that he first heard of Mr Baker's fund-raising efforts at the end of June 1984 and had immediately phoned the rector to ask what was happening.

Mr Baker told him that Mr Knight was a grand archdeacon in a Satanic order in Essex, who owed £7,500 to other members of the order, but who wanted to leave to live as a Christian.

By the end of July, Dr Kemp had decided he wanted more investigations and appointed two people to look into the matter further.

Dr Kemp said he became increasingly concerned and reported the matter to the police on November 30, 1984.

He had met Mr Baker on September 25 to discuss the problem and had been introduced briefly to Mr Knight.

The next day Mr Baker told him that Mr Knight had just announced further items of regalia would have to be bought, including a gold collar, a set of gold keys and a throne, thought to be in a house in the East End of London.

On February 20 last year he met Mr Baker and was told that the throne was in a flat, off Pall Mall, central London, belonging to the head of the order.

"I was told it was in a particular room in which it was surrounded by water and that Mr Knight would have to pay about £10,000 to enter the room", Dr Kemp said.

He said he became strongly suspicious that Mr Knight was playing a confidence trick when more and more money was being demanded to buy more items of regalia.

"I said I thought it was a very strange thing that Mr Knight should regard himself as so totally dominated by the Satanic objects", he added.

"And I thought that if he really wished to become a Christian there was a fairly simple way of penitence and committing himself to Christ and receiving absolution".

Under cross-examination by Mr Michael West, QC, for the defence, the Bishop insisted that he did not discuss the situation with Mr Knight because he had been told that Mr Knight did not wish to meet him.

Mr Michael Warren, a farmer and former High Sheriff of East Sussex, told the court that he handed over a total of £55,500 to Mr Baker between October 1983 and February 1985.

Mr Warren said he shared the opinion of many of the donors that no prosecution should have been brought against Mr Knight.

He described Satanism as "very much a potent source of evil in this country, and every step should be taken to stamp it out and free people from it."

The case continues today.



The Bishop of Chichester leaving court yesterday



The Omnibot 2000 robot shows a touch of high technological efficiency as it panders to one of mankind's little weaknesses.

The robot, making an appearance at the Future House 2000 display at the Ideal Home Exhibition, is made by the Japanese firm Thomy and is due to go on sale shortly for £400

(Photograph: Peter Trievnor)

Making art feel at home

By Patricia Clough

The Arts Council is trying to coax the flying ducks and blue-faced Chinese girls down from the walls of the British living room and put "real art" in their place.

With the department store, Liberty, it has erected a Hollywood-style Greek temple, which it calls a "living art pavilion", in the middle of the Ideal Home Exhibition. Inside are 60 paintings, sculptures, drawings and photographs, by modern British artists, which have been chosen to demonstrate how good modern art can look in a domestic setting.

If a David Hockney colour lithograph, "View of Hotel Well 2", is a bit steep for most at £3,000, a pen and ink drawing of a sheep by Henry Moore costs £800, less than having one's bathtub converted into a whirlpool.

Photographs seem to be the best bargain, however. A striking black and white shot by former Life photographer George Rodger of a zebra, doing what is fashionably called a Maori insult, can be had for £100.

The Arts Council says it wants to encourage private support for the arts, alongside the burden it bears itself.

With a vast backdrop of the National Gallery overlooking the scene at one end, and King George V's declaration that "the foundations of national glory are set in the homes of the people" writ large at the other, conscientious visitors to the exhibition should not fail to get the message.

The Daily Mail Ideal Home Exhibition is open at Earls Court from March 4 to 31.

Damages claimed from late father for loss of mother

A brother and sister who saw their parents die in a car crash claimed damages yesterday in the High Court from their father's estate for the loss of their mother.

Mr George Smith, aged 57, a clerk, was largely to blame for the crash in which he and his wife Mary, aged 47, a hotel secretary, died in 1979.

Deborah, their daughter, who was aged 16 at the time, was knocked unconscious and suffered serious injuries. She was in hospital for six weeks undergoing extensive surgery and has lost the sight of her right eye.

She is aged 23 now, married and living in East Looe, Cornwall. She has already received almost £41,000 for her own injuries.

David, her brother, who was aged 11 and is now 18, has been paid £2,500 for his injuries after suffering pain, shock, bruising and cuts.

The children also shared in the £7,250 paid to their father's estate for the accident. His car was in a head-on collision with a bus at Sutton Green, near Woking, Surrey.

Mr Roy McAulay, QC, for the mother's estate, told Mr Justice Caulfield that the accident was "a catastrophe for what had been a happy family".

The children had nowhere to go before being taken in by a distant relative in Highfield Road, Northwood, south-east London, where David, who is unemployed and still affected by the deaths, continues to live.

Mr Smith's estate, the Thames Valley and Aldershot Omnibus Company and the driver all admit liability for the accident but are contesting the amount of damages they should pay for the mother's death.

The brother and sister had to make a claim against their late father's estate for the damages for their own injuries and for the loss of their mother, as it had been agreed that he was largely responsible for the accident.

In effect it is the father's insurers and the insurers of the bus company and their driver who would pay.

The case continues today.

Police 'lie in 30% of trials'

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

Perjury by police officers is believed by barristers to occur on average in three out of every 10 trials in both the magistrates' and crown courts, according to an article in this week's *New Law Journal*.

A straw poll of 55 barristers conducted by Mr David Wolchover, a member of the criminal Bar for 14 years, showed that 75 per cent said that in their experience that was a reasonable estimate.

Eight barristers sampled (15 per cent) thought it occurred in only one or two trials in 10.

"Obviously these figures do not mean that 27 per cent of London police officers habitually commit perjury. The statistic relates to trials, not individuals."

Derelict land still increasing

By Hugh Clayton

Government spending of more than £350 million on reclamation has failed to stop the growth of derelict land, experts appointed by ministers reported yesterday.

Professor Anthony Bradshaw, professor of botany at Liverpool University, who led the study, said that the only available figures for the whole of England showed that almost 17,000 hectares of land had been reclaimed from dereliction between 1974 and 1982. That is equal to about half of the area of the Isle of Wight.

In the same period the amount of land classed as derelict had risen from 43,273 hectares to 45,683 hectares.

Transforming Our Waste Land (Stationery Office £9.95).

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Violence check on children

By David Hewson
Arts Correspondent

The Independent Broadcasting Authority will try to gauge the effect of television violence by "deprogramming" 50 normal schoolchildren who might be affected by viewing violent incidents nightly.

The experiment comes amid increasing concern that television violence desensitizes young people's tolerance of aggression in society.

The IBA research team will attempt to "resensitize" the schoolchildren by talking about aspects of television in schools and then measuring whether they become less aggressive.

The study will also attempt to measure whether unemployment affects the children's attitude to violence.

Mr Robert Towler, the IBA's head of research, emphasized that the experiment would be based on the "hypothetical" notion that television had a desensitizing effect.

But he said that courses in television literacy in schools were likely to become commonplace in the future.

"The amount of unregulated material that will come into the home is going to grow. People will, over the next few years, come to realize that you can't block things at source, but you have got to face the kids themselves and education is going to be important."

Abuse Bill for young at risk

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A compromise on a Conservative MP's proposals for more safeguards for child abuse victims is being discussed in an effort to win government support.

The Government has made clear it intends to oppose the private member's Bill put forward by Mr Dennis Walters, MP for Westbury, which would require the approval of a magistrates' court before a child, placed in local authority care because of ill treatment, was returned to its home.

The Department of Health and Social Security wants Mr Walters to drop that proposal from his Children and Young Persons (Amendment) Bill, which has received a second reading in the Commons.

Officials are concerned that the proposal, launched in the wake of the Jasmine Beckford case, will cause delays and introduce inflexibility into situations where responsiveness and sensitivity are needed. Officials are also against piecemeal legislation, when an overhaul of child care law is underway which is likely to lead to a coherent body of law.

But Mr Walters and the Bill's sponsors, who come from all parties, would prefer to put forward a modified formula, so that at least some limited measure of control is introduced into current procedure in cases of child abuse.

Gowrie to head Sotheby's

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

Lord Gowrie, the former Arts Minister, is to take over the chairmanship of Sotheby's in Britain towards the end of this year. Mr Julian Thompson, the present chairman of Sotheby's, will step down and take over the chairmanship of Sotheby's International, the post taken up by Lord Gowrie when he joined Sotheby's last autumn.

The chain of command within the Sotheby's empire will now run from the proprietor, Mr A.Alfred Taubman, chairman of the board, to the chief executive, Mr Michael Ainsley, to the two regional chairmen, Mr John Marion, for the Americas, and Lord Gowrie for the rest of the world.

Mr Thompson pointed out yesterday that it had been considered incorrect to put Lord Gowrie in charge of the British company directly after his resignation as Arts Minister, as there might have been clashes of interest. After he has spent his first year learning about the firm on the international side, he will be brought back to Britain.

The United Kingdom operations, and the world east of the Atlantic, will be run by Lord Gowrie, Mr Thompson, who will also be United Kingdom vice-chairman, and Mr Tim Llewellyn, managing director of Sotheby's in the United Kingdom.

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£1,700 for sheep loss

A woman whose dogs were seen chasing sheep was ordered to pay £1,700 compensation yesterday to a farmer who lost 29 sheep after they had been savaged.

Miss Kelly St John, aged 24, formerly of Bradford, West Yorkshire, but now of Rotherhithe, east London, denied that her two black chows were responsible.

She was convicted by magistrates at Bradford of being the owner of dogs which had worried livestock. She admitted that neither dog had a collar, and was fined a total of £60 in addition.

The court was told that witnesses saw two black chows chasing the sheep.

The farmer, Mr Peter Healey, of Wilsden, near Bradford, said that several incidents had led to losses of £4,000.

Heart girl is improving

Kirsty Vowles, aged three, of Ridley's Court, Pound Hill, Crawley, Sussex, the world's youngest heart and lung transplant patient, was improving steadily yesterday in Harefield Hospital, Middlesex, where she underwent a five-hour operation on Friday.

French birds pay price for victory

By Tim Jones

Five French cockerels, which were released during a rugby match, have had a stay of execution.

French fans released the birds after their team beat Wales at the international stadium in Cardiff on Saturday.

Fans laughed and cheered as Inspector Ralph Evans, of the RSPCA, and a ground steward raced on to the pitch and tried to capture one of the birds.

The birds were unable to fly to safety as they had been painted red, white and blue.

At least one of the confused cocks had ribbons in the French national colours tied around its neck.

Last night, the birds, all apparently in good health, were being cared for at the Merthyr Tydfil home of a society inspector.

The birds, which had been smuggled across the Channel by fans, could introduce fowl pest or other diseases into Britain. Because of this they may be be killed.

Mr Bert Thomas, an RSPCA superintendent, said: "I think people who do this are heartless. It is terrible to subject these birds to what is probably a frightening experience, of stuffing them under jackets or into holdalls and releasing them in front of tens of thousands of people."

Mr Ray Williams, secretary of the Welsh Rugby Union, said they were totally opposed to the practice but as 60,000 people attended the match it was unrealistic to body search each fan.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Agriculture said the birds would be held in quarantine for 35 days to see whether they carried any disease.

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Plan to improve Welsh valleys

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Details of a new initiative to improve the environment of the South Wales valleys were given in the Commons by Mr Nicholas Edwards, Secretary of State for Wales, when he opened a debate on Welsh affairs. The objective, he explained, was to ensure that the valleys shared in the regeneration of the rest of South Wales.

Besides road and rail communications on which they were doing much, he said there was a great deal which could be done to improve the valley environment. This was especially true of the town centres and the areas leading to them, where poorly maintained buildings and a damaged environment sold short the enormous attractions which the valleys had to offer.

The Welsh Office would seek to trigger a series of coordinated initiatives by local authorities and private and voluntary organizations to improve these areas. He was not proposing Welsh Office solutions.

Where communities had sound ideas and the willingness to back them, the Welsh Office would focus the many existing mechanisms of assistance and would also make available additional resources to reinforce them, and to promote the contributions which was necessary from the private sector.

Mr Edwards said he was making available in 1986-87 for this valley initiative, on top of other Government funding, £2 million of special capital allocations for housing-related initiatives and £1 million from urban programme resources quite apart from special capital allocation of £3 million for housing priority estates projects, much of which would go to the valleys.

Inevitably the bulk of developments under this initiative would fall in later years and those planning these projects could work on the assumption that the Government would want to reinforce successful schemes in the years ahead.

South Cardiff and Swansea had shown what could be achieved: the opportunity was there for the valleys as well. He did not always agree with the Bishop of Durham but he felt that for once they perhaps shared a common approach when the Bishop spoke recently about the need for financial pump priming for community self-help. That is exactly what (he said) I am seeking to achieve.

Health authorities were having to face up to difficult decisions about priorities. That would always be the situation because funds could not be infinite while demand was virtually unlimited. They were dealing with the problems of an expanding service and changing needs and the allegations of widespread cuts were false.

There was considerable concern about waiting lists which had risen under this Government just as they had under the last. There was one difference between the situation then and now and that was that already by 1984 they were treating 63,000 or 18 per cent more inpatients than in 1979 and 51,000 or 12 per cent more outpatients.

These figures had continued to rise since. The acceleration in the number of patients treated and in the range of services had been far greater than under Labour. It was a remarkable achievement. Health authorities had been checking on their waiting lists and reported that in many cases the numbers included double counting. But that was no consolation to the patients who were having to wait and he was now undertaking a major exercise with health authorities to try to get on top of this long-standing problem.

In the last year the coal



Jones: Do something for the elderly

industry in South Wales had undergone a major change, hastened and made more severe by the miners' strike. The workforce had responded very positively to good management and the result had been a dramatic increase in performance. Productivity had increased by 46 per cent in eight months and the coalfield, which had been losing £100 million or more a year, expected to break even in the March quarter. That was a remarkable achievement. It had enabled the NCB to announce since the beginning of the financial year investment of £80 million, the largest capital development programme in so short a time in the history of the coalfield.

There were good grounds for thinking they had now reached the end of a period of decline that had lasted for many decades in South Wales and caused much hardship.

After detailing some of the wide range of projects started in Wales in the past year, Mr Edwards said the Welsh Office, the Welsh Development Agency and Mid-Wales Development were working up further programmes to help job creating business activity in rural areas. He hoped to announce details within the next few weeks.

The growth of the long-term unemployed was a particularly disturbing aspect. During the past year they had more than doubled the number of available places on the community programme and the Manpower Services Commission was well on the way to meeting the June target of 20,500 filled places.

Under the urban programme they had increased resources from £7.1 million in 1979-80 to £29 million in 1986-87. It had proved possible to approve 200 new schemes at a total cost of £14.4 million for 1986-87, which represented a 53 per cent increase in the value of new schemes approved over 1985-86.

By far the most significant urban development grant project approved was the £42 million redevelopment of the Bute East Dock area in Cardiff by Tarmac which was now well underway. They were now looking at what development opportunities might be created in the wider South Cardiff area if they were to construct a barrage across the harbour mouth. They were awaiting the results of the feasibility studies.

In tackling housing dereliction, they were launching a further phase with new projects in Merthyr Tydfil, Pontypool, the Rhymney Valley and Barry. In total, special capital allocations of £3 million would be made for projects in 1986-87 and they were providing extra revenue support.

Mr Barry Jones, chief Opposition spokesman on Wales, said the Secretary of State should raise in Cabinet the need for extra help for old people in Wales during the present freezing weather. The Principality's housing problems were arguably the worst in Britain. It was these leaking, draughty homes, particularly in south Wales, that contained the elderly people who were very much at risk.

All Opposition MPs' mailbags strongly featured the issue of Sunday trading. The Government would be well advised to exclude Wales from the provisions of an unpopular Bill. Ministers had under-estimated the disquiet and opposition to it.

The Secretary of State wriggled somewhat on the issue of rates. It had been estimated that since 1980-81 something like £451 million cash had been lost to Welsh local authorities in terms of rate support grant and penalties. Mr Edwards must work with the local authorities and not attack them. It was his failure to adopt that approach that led him to one lof the most incredible U-turns in the history of Welsh Office ministers.

The concept of funding the valleys was welcome. Any help for these beleaguered communities was most desirable. If the scheme could be enhanced with much greater cash backing it would be better still. What was being offered initially in terms of the coalfield and valley communities was not enough.

Sir Raymond Gower (Vale of Glamorgan, C) said there were obvious advantages in dealing with unemployment by increasing the activity in the building and construction industries. These were industries which were on the whole fairly labour-intensive, did not use a great number of imported products and which brought advantages to other industries too.

There was a strong case for increasing the production of the building and construction industries more than anything that had yet been contemplated. He hoped this would be done and not least in Wales. He hoped the Government would give this serious consideration.

Mr Geraint Howells (Ceredigion and Pembroke North, L) said that each year, the cause for celebration of St David's Day was less and less. An ailing economy and mounting unemployment made any optimism fade away. Could Mr Edwards deny that one of the Wales University colleges was to be closed?

Mr Edwards said he had not heard the vaguest suggestion about such a closure. Mr Howells really should not come to the House and invent things like that.

Mr Howells said Mr Edwards should not get excited. These rumours had been circulating in Wales.

Tebbit's time on ministerial duties

QUESTIONS

Mr Norman Tebbit was challenged in the Commons about the amount of time he spent on his duties as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

He said he devoted as much time as necessary to carry out those duties "Fully and effectively." Mr Tebbit, who is chairman of the Conservative Party, said he estimated that last week three hours was required for them.

Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, Lab) said some of Mr Tebbit's own Cabinet colleagues such as Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, and Mr John Biffen, Leader of the Commons,would prefer Mr Tebbit to spend more time looking after the affairs of the Duchy of Lancaster.

Is it altogether a coincidence (he asked) that since Mr Tebbit became party chairman the Tory Party has gone even further down in the polls? Does he not connect that in any way with his taking over the job?

Mr Tebbit: I do not answer in this House for my responsibilities as chairman of the Conservative Party. I would not abuse my post as Chancellor of the Duchy to do so here. I was very glad to note that the Home Secretary on Saturday was in vigorous and raucous form, busy scragging the Opposition.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab): Does he recall that his predecessor (the Earl of Gowrie, who was also Minister for the Arts) could not manage on £33,000 a year in the job he had, and that he went to other fields to feather his nest?

Mr Tebbit has just said he does about three hours of work for this £33,000 and it is not a bad number. Last week one of his playmates (Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services) said the Government would give single pensioners an extra 40 pence, just enough to buy a mustard plaster.

Mr Tebbit: If Mr Skinner was right about my salary he might conceivably have some sort of point. But I am not paid as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster through public funds. I do not receive a salary as a Cabinet minister from public funds. I do receive a nominal salary as Chancellor of the Duchy from the Duchy itself.

Minister hopeful despite many pit closures

COAL MINING

There was no truth whatever in the allegation of conspiracy by the Prime Minister and Mr Ian MacGregor in ensuring the coal strike took place and the allegation was nonsense. Mr Nicholas Edwards, the Secretary of State for Wales, said during Commons questions.

Wales was probably reaching the end of the long historic process of decline in the coal mining industry.

Following the closure of several consistently uneconomic collieries, the NCB had no current plans for further closures in South Wales and the industry could look forward to much greater stability and renewed development.

Efforts to provide other employment opportunities were continuing using the instruments of regional industrial policy, the urban



Edwards: Coal decline nearing its end

programme, and the Welsh Development Agency and drawing on the support of NCB (Enterprise).

The NCB was now undertaking a major investment programme in the Welsh coalfield. There was substantial investment in the South Wales coalfield, including new equipment on the faces, which held out much better prospects for the future.

Mr Ronald Davies (Caerphilly, Lab), who had asked whether Mr Edwards intended to take steps to provide further employment opportunities in the light of continuing colliery closures, said: It is not surprising we have heard nothing new yet again from the secretary of state. When is he going to show some sign of understanding, let alone compassion and concern, of the effect of the Government's policies on the South Wales valleys?

A report published today by the Department of Trade and Industry suggests that regional policy is effective and has created more than 600,000 jobs in Britain in the last 30 years. If he accepts the findings of this report, sponsored by the department, why does he not ensure in Wales the logical conclusion of that report is accepted whereby we get much of the proper regional investment policy to provide the jobs and infrastructure we need to replace jobs we are losing?

Mr Edwards: Regional policy has an important part to play. NCB (Enterprise) has got off to a very good start, supporting products in Wales at a cost of investment of more than £11 million and providing something like 1,400 jobs. That is a good start. I am also taking other initiatives.

Mr Robert Harvey (South West Clwyd, C): Can he give any estimate of the number of jobs lost as a result of the miners' strike last year?

Mr Edwards: No. I cannot. There have been more than 6,000 jobs lost in pits that have been closed down. The total effect of the strike we cannot tell. Clearly it affected a lot of other industries as well and a lot of smaller firms.

Mr Gareth Wardell (Gower, Lab): Has he got any plans at all to increase the proportion of the working population living in parts of Wales eligible for regional development grant?

Mr Edwards: We have carried out a major review of regional policy and I do not think it would be sensible, so soon after the last review, to recast the present distribution of coverage.

Sir Raymond Gower (Vale of Glamorgan, C): While there have been closures of pits in South Wales in recent years, the most marked decline in the coal industry in Wales occurred under a Labour government.

Mr Edwards: That is true and it is true that the decline carried on for many decades. I think we can be thankful that we are probably reaching the end of the long historic process.

Mr Raymond Powell (Ogmore, Lab): Since the end of the miners' strike, which the Prime Minister and Mr Ian MacGregor and others conspired to ensure took place, every colliery in my constituency has now closed.

Westland shares

Investigations by the Westland helicopter company have revealed that one of the six shareholders said to have a 20 per cent shareholding in the company is TNT Ltd, an Australian company, Lord Lucas of Chilworth, Under Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said during question time in the House of Lords.

The beneficial owners of the other five shareholdings had not yet been identified, he said, but the company was pursuing its inquiries.

In answer to later questioning by Lord Bruce of Donington (Lab) he said the Government had not held its own inquiry because that would have run parallel to the one being conducted by Westland. The suspicion that the Government had anything to hide lay only in the mind of Lord Bruce of Donington.

Best wishes for Lord Chancellor

Congratulations and best wishes to Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, following his marriage on Saturday, came from all sides of the House of Lords, when he took the Woolsack at the start of business.

Lord Elwyn-Jones, a former Lord Chancellor, said everyone had been delighted at the news, both in the House of Lords and outside.

The photographs of the smiling Lord Chancellor at the weekend and of Spot the terrier in the arms of his bride really brought us all good cheer. We all wish the Lord Chancellor and Lady Hailsham of St Marylebone every possible happiness in the future.

Viscount Whitelaw, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House of Lords, said that all those on the Government benches would wish to be associated with those good wishes. He had been delighted to read that the Lord Chancellor had looked dapper at the ceremony. Whether that was a description that could normally be applied to him was not for him to say.

Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, rising from the Woolsack to speak from the aisle, said he was deeply grateful to all for their good wishes.

Nuclear waste protest

Mr Douglas Hogg (Grantham, C) unsuccessfully applied for an emergency debate on what he described as the anxieties, potential financial loss and planning blight caused by the announcement that Fulbeck Airfield in his constituency was a possible sight for the disposal of nuclear waste.

Timescale for Leyland bids 'laughable'

The timescale for bids for Leyland vehicles — to counter the principal contender, General Motors of the United States — was laughable and made a mockery of the Government's claim to be serious about alternative bids, Mr Jack Straw (Blackburn, Lab) said when unsuccessfully seeking an emergency debate in order to force an extension of the March 4 deadline.

He said the Government's refusal to extend the deadline was coupled with a refusal to provide appropriate information to enable Lanchashire Enterprises Ltd to come up with properly costed bids for Leyland vehicles. Requests for information had met with a point blank refusal. Hill Samuel would not provide information unless a series of onerous conditions was met. They had put those behind the buy-out in a Catch 22 trap, because those conditions could be met only with information by Hill Samuel. The Government was creating conditions that made it impossible for anyone other than General Motors to get to the starting line. It had taken GM nine months — and he understood they had not yet formally entered a bid. The National Carriers buy-out, which Conservative MPs lauded so much, had taken nine months to reach fruition. Mr Edward Heath had said that Leyland was to be sacrificed and sold to GM as part of a private deal between the White House and Downing Street. From the way things looked, there was every possibility he was right. The deadline could not be extended unless there was an emergency debate that day, or on Tuesday.

Opposition picture of arts funding false

Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, countered Opposition criticism of Government funding of the arts by saying that a totally false picture had been painted. Mr Norman Buchan, Opposition spokesman on the arts, had said that the country was in the classic situation of asking "Why, if things are so good, they are so bloody awful?" Mr Christopher Murphy (Welwyn Harfield, C) had said that the fact that there was a 7 per cent increase in real terms, with a 10 per cent increase overall in arts funding, with £20 million business sponsorship, meant that there were excellent implications for the arts.

Mr Luce: I agree entirely. The picture painted by some of gloom, doom and despondency, is wrong and the Government has increased funding.

Mr Tony Banks (Newham North-West, Lab): Since 1982-83, if we exclude abolition money, which we must because it is an inadequate substitute for money previously put in by the metropolitan counties and the GLC, the real increase from the Government is less than 1 per cent.

Mr Luce said that diversity and plurality in funding were the strength of the arts.

He added later that central Government had switched spending from local authorities to the extent of £43 million of taxpayers' money. The Government was relieving local authorities of an overall burden.

Mr Norman Buchan: Theatres, music halls and concert halls are desperately anxious about the fall in money they are receiving.

Mr Luce: He is painting a totally false picture.

Edwards denies arm twisting

The Government would look at the capital structure of the Welsh Water Authority when it came to privatize and consider what was necessary in order to have a sensible structure, Mr Nicholas Edwards, Secretary of State for Wales, said during question time exchanges in the Commons.

Mr Raymond Powell (Ogmore, Lab) had asked how far he had screwed the arms of the authority's chairman behind his back to get him to agree to privatization of the water industry. For months before (he went on) and in all probability during the whole of 1985 John Elfed Jones had publicly declared, together with his board, that he was against any sort of privatization. I would like an inquiry into what happened with the secretary of state and what pressure he put on the chairman of the Welsh Water Authority to get his agreement?

Mr Edwards: The idea of me twisting someone's arm over the phone is interesting. If anyone imagines that John Elfed Jones is the sort of man to have his arm twisted in any case, he clearly does not know the man. He is well able to stick up for himself and express his own views. He and the board will be considering proposals put forward in detail and bringing their fully considered view to the Government in due course.

Mr Gwilym Jones (Cardiff North, C): Has he been asked to convey any apology to the chief executive of the Welsh Water Authority for what must have been at best a sincere misunderstanding by Mrs Ann Clwyd (Cynon Valley, Lab)?

Mr Edwards: I have no desire ever to act as a sort of postbox between Mrs Clwyd and the chief executive of the water authority. They are quite able to conduct their exchanges directly and on their own.

Mr Edward Rowlands (Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney, Lab): The only way privatization of the water authority can progress is if the Government wipes off the vast majority of the authority's debts. If it can be done for the benefit of future shareholders, why not now for the vast majority of Welsh water consumers?

Mr Edwards: We will be looking at the financial structure of the authority before privatization occurs. He cannot object to any reconstruction of the debt position. It is something for which Welsh MPs have long pressed, particularly if it helps the authority to raise its capital more easily and carry out its programme more satisfactorily which is directly for the benefit of consumers.

Mr Dafydd Wigley (Caernarfon, Pl C): To make privatization viable it is necessary to write off £450 million of debt. Why not do it now and give even more benefit to consumers?

Mr Edwards: We will look at the capital structure when we come to privatize and consider what is necessary in order to have a sensible structure. It is not the capital structure at present which controls the borrowing of the water authority.

They were laid down by the Treasury because of the need to control the totality of Government expenditure. That is the principal constraint on the capital programme at the present time not the debt position of the water authority.

Mr Barry Jones, chief Opposition spokesman on Wales, asked if even at this late stage Mr Edwards would strive to exempt Wales from water privatization proposals.

Mr Edwards: I predict that privatization can go ahead and result in an improvement in the services and charging structure for the users of the Welsh Water Authority's services.

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Medicine blacklist fight by epileptic

By Nicholas Timmins
Social Services Correspondent

The Government is to face legal action over the blacklist of drugs for which the National Health Service will not pay.

Mrs Belinda Chandler, aged 24, an epileptic patient, is to sue Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, after being denied treatment that her doctors believe is necessary.

Lawyers see it as a test case that could lead to an appeal system being introduced to allow individual patients to receive blacklisted drugs if they have a clinical need.

The move comes after a local family practitioner committee refused to discipline a doctor for breaking the rules and prescribing a blacklisted drug for Mrs Chandler.

It is now joining her GP, Dr Paul Millard, in pressing ministers to introduce an appeal system for individual patients.

Dr Millard, a family doctor in Newbury, Berkshire, said yesterday that Mrs Chandler, who has been an epileptic since the age of six, suffered from epilepsy and a benign brain tumour which made control of her epilepsy more complex.

The one drug which appeared to help her, after she was seen by specialists in neurology at Oxford, was Anxon, which went on to the blacklist of drugs when it was introduced last April.

"It is basically a tranquilliser and is not usually used to treat epilepsy," Dr Millard said yesterday. "But in her case it clearly works.

"When the limited list came in we tried alternative permitted drugs and her epilepsy returned with a vengance. She could hardly go out to put the milk bottles on the doorstep in case she had a fit, much less go to work."

The West Berkshire Family Practitioner Committee has written to Mr Fowler calling for an individual appeal system to be introduced.

Mrs Chandler, who works as a buyer's assistant in decorating materials, is being kept stable because Beecham, the drug's manufacturer, is supplying Dr Millard with free samples.

Dr Millard said: "Mrs Chandler clearly has a clinical need for this drug and it is ludicrous that she cannot get it on the NHS, but has either to pay for it or rely on free handouts from a drug company."

Buying the drug would cost about £150 a year and Mrs Chandler could, if she had to, afford that. But for patients who could not, he said, the rules meant "you can only have the treatment that is best for you if you pay for it".

Mrs Chandler said yesterday the issue was one of principle rather than money.

"This case is not just about me but about other patients in a similar position".



Members of the threatened Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra outside the town hall yesterday where they handed over a 100,000-signature petition of support. Later they paraded around the city in an open-top bus playing popular favourites
The orchestra wants continued financial backing after Merseyside County Council is scrapped at the end of this month. Liverpool City Council is the largest of the five authorities which will then assume responsibility.
Mr Ian Wright, a representative of the orchestra, said: "The city council have always said they want to support us, but rate capping has made it difficult for them. As they have not yet set a rate for the coming year we do not know where we are."
The Arts Council will supply half the money needed, but the 80-piece orchestra will still have to rely on local authorities.

'Protect bankers who notify police about drug money'

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

Britain's bankers should be given the protection of the law to tell the police about clients who they suspect are connected with trafficking in drugs such as heroin and cocaine, a parliamentary report will recommend next week.

The Commons home affairs select committee has just completed a 12-month inquiry into the misuse of hard drugs and is concerned about the apparent ease that drug barons use British and international banks to circulate and disguise the true origin of drug money, which is known as "laundering". Their concern is shared by bankers, the MPs say.

"We are satisfied that the banks are ready to co-operate fully with the authorities, provided the law protects them from any legal action for disclosure of information which they believe to relate to drug money.

"We recommend, therefore, that the present law on the disclosure of confidential information by banks should be amended."

The Drug Trafficking Offences Bill protects bankers when responding to police inquiries.

But the MPs want the Government to go a step further and give statutory protection to bankers who *volunteer* information to police about clients' finances, "when these seem to be connected with drug trafficking".

The select committee gave a warning in a much-publicized interim report last May that Britain faced the most serious peacetime threat to its national well-being from hard drugs.

In their final report, to be published on Wednesday next week, the MPs conclude: "Drug dealers still make princely profits and threaten us all, including our children, with a nightmare of drug addiction which has now become a reality for America."

The MPs call on the Government to make sure that it is giving the highest priority to providing customs with the necessary manpower and equipment in its fight against drug trafficking.

Private Eye to pay MP libel damages

Sir Frederic Bennett, Conservative MP for Torbay, won substantial libel damages in the High Court yesterday after "highly offensive" allegations were published in the satirical magazine, *Private Eye*.

Mr Michael Tugendhat, counsel for Sir Frederic, aged 67, a Privy Council member, said his client had been accused of defending genocide in Bengal, introducing gambling to the Cayman Islands in association with the mafia and making dishonest expenses claims from the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, among other allegations.

Mr Richard Rampton, counsel for the magazine editor, Mr Richard Ingrams, and the publishers, Pressdram Ltd, said they now acknowledged there was no truth in the deeply offensive allegations, and publicly apologized to Sir Frederic.

Mr Justice Turner was told the magazine agreed to pay undisclosed damages and all legal costs.

Police committee sued for contempt

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

All 30 members of the West Midlands Police Committee are to be brought before the High Court on Friday and run the risk of being sent to prison for contempt.

They are being put before the court by the Police Federation, which claims they have defied court orders to negotiate rises in rent allowances to officers living in police houses.

Mr Edwin Shore, chairman of the committee, confirmed yesterday that the committee members have had writs seeking to commit them to prison and which are returnable at the Victoria Law Courts, Birmingham. "The committee have always acted in accordance with legal advice and have and would do nothing other than abide by the law of the land."

The federation claims that a national agreement links rent allowances to a scale worked out by comparison with private households, but the West Midlands committee has argued for parity with council house rents.

Last month the High Court, sitting in Birmingham, ordered the committee to negotiate under the national agreement. The committee is Labour controlled.

Waite a bad listener

By A Staff Reporter

Mr Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's envoy, has confessed that he is a short-tempered, bad listener.

The man whose powers of persuasion have secured the release of hostages in several of the world's troubled areas said: "I'm extremely impatient. I have to discipline myself. When I've had to wait for days for the next step in negotiations and there's no one to consult I know I could easily blow it by being stupid. But I know deep down I can't afford to."

Although Mr Waite, aged 46, the first layman to hold the job of Secretary for Anglican Communion Affairs, is one of the Church of England's most popular assets, he is not afraid to criticize it.

In an interview in the magazine, *Woman*, published today, he says: "I think we have devastated much of church life in recent years and that saddens me.

"Too often the church comes across as a censorious, moralistic body, forever telling others what to do, and people have become afraid of the church because of it. You end up asking, 'Is the church really touching the depth of the spiritual question?' It's part of its responsibility to assist people in finding some deeper meaning. Yet that side of things is dealt with these days by psychotherapists. It's not their job; it's the priests who should be curing soul sickness."

Everybody needs a sense of humour and even he and Colonel Gadaffi were able to laugh and joke together during the most tortuous of negotiations.

Mr Waite, who maintains that there is good in everyone, says that when talking to murderous terrorists: "You do what you can. They recognize that my mission is fundamentally based on humanitarian grounds and you hope that they will respond accordingly."

Cell siege at prison ends

A 19-hour cell siege at Strangeways prison, Manchester, ended peacefully yesterday morning. A hostage held prisoner overnight by 10 inmates was released unhurt. Three men left the cell voluntarily at 8.15 a.m. followed by the other seven an hour later. No demands were made, the Home Office said, but prisoners at Strangeways have complained in the past about overcrowding.

£8m mortgage fraud alleged

Thames Valley police are investigating allegations of a mortgage racket on at least one building society using non-existent properties to extract funds. Figures of up to £8 million have been mentioned.

Police said five people, including a solicitor, an estate agent and businessmen, have been interviewed and released on police bail to return in May and June.

Turkey threat case remand

A director of a security firm was remanded on bail for five weeks by Norwich magistrates yesterday accused of plotting to contaminate supermarket poultry with mercury unless £250,000 was paid.

Mr Peter Steven O'Connor, aged 27, of Kensworth, Dunstable, in Bedfordshire, is charged with demanding the money with menaces from Mr Bernard Matthews, the turkey producer, who is based in Great Witchingham, Norfolk.

Theft charges

Arnold Johnson, aged 38, of Cherry Avenue, Yapton, West Sussex, former assistant governor of Ford prison, appeared before Arundel magistrates yesterday on three charges of theft. The case was adjourned until April 2 and Mr Johnson was granted bail.

RSPCA appeal on badger baiting

By Tim Jones

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has called for ramblers in Wales to help track down badger baiters who are using increasingly advanced methods to search for sets.

More than 30 men were convicted in the principality last year, and so far this year eight other suspects are facing charges. Posters in shop windows and talks are being organized to make the public aware of the increasing scale of the illegal sport.

Mr Roy Gee, RSPCA district inspector in South Glamorgan, said that early March was the peak period for badger baiting, which resulted in the savage and often slow death of the animal.

Operating mainly at night, gangs fit radio bleeps to terriers so that they know where to dig when a badger is confronted in his set.

A usually desperate fight often leaves the dogs badly wounded, and because the sport is illegal many die from their injuries as owners will not risk consulting vets.

Well trained dogs often change hands for high prices, and some baiters take pride in boasting of the scars their animals have received.

Mr Gee appealed for ramblers to report any suspicious activity they may come across. They should note cars parked at suspicious times, or at unusual locations, and men crossing open fields carrying powerful lamps and spades, he said.

"We want to make it as difficult as possible for badger-baiters to carry out their so-called sport. It is a horrendously cruel activity and we need all the help we can get," Mr Gee added.

Police to keep 'observation posts' secret

People who allow the police to use their homes or businesses to monitor criminal activity are entitled to anonymity in the courts, the Court of Appeal ruled yesterday.

Mr Justice Mann, sitting in London with Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, and Sir Roger Ormrod, said such citizens were in the same class as police informers and were entitled not to have their identities disclosed.

Mr Justice Mann said there was an obvious fear of reprisal if those who assisted the police by providing "observation posts" had their identities disclosed in court.

The judges dismissed an appeal by Elliston Rankine, aged 41, unemployed, of Roxbourne Road, South Ockendon, Essex, against an 18-month jail term imposed at the Inner London Crown Court on July 10 last year for supplying cannabis.

The court was told that the police used an image intensifier to watch Rankine's activities in Railton Road, Brixton.

During the trial, counsel for the defence had wanted to question police officers on the exact location of their observation post. However, the trial judge ruled that the police need not disclose it, "in the public interest".

Mother forfeits bail in £3m cannabis case

A mother of two children has been forced to sell her home because her boy friend absconded while on bail, a court was told yesterday.

Stella Brooks, aged 30, a divorcee, will have to sell her cottage in Godstone, Surrey, to pay a £25,000 forfeit. Chelmsford Crown Court was told. She was given four months to raise the money or go to jail for a year.

Brooks said that although her boy friend, Johannes Van T'veer, aged 30, a Dutch citizen, had spoken of leaving Britain she had not believed him. Brooks had stood surety of £40,000 to ensure that T'veer, a freelance shipping agent, would face trial on charges of conspiring with others to smuggle cannabis resin worth £3 million.

He had agreed to continue living with her in Surrey, but failed to appear at Chelmsford Crown Court on Monday last week.

Japanese video war may affect British market

By Bill Johnstone
Technology Correspondent

A video war is about to break out between two big Japanese consumer electronics groups, Sony and Matsushita.

It could halt the development of a standard for video tape recorders, and affect markets worldwide, among them the British high street, which is one of the largest video markets in the world.

Sony, inventor of the Betamax video recording system, last year launched its 8 mm video camera and recorder as the first step towards making it a world standard.

Matsushita, whose subsidiary, JVC, devised the VHS video recording system which dominates markets in Britain and the rest of Europe, says it intends to resist Sony's efforts.

Matsushita, maker of the Panasonic, National and Technics brands, has a large stake in the half-inch format.

It says it will respond with aggressive marketing aimed at ensuring Sony's new products have only minority appeal.

The impact of the battle between the two Japanese companies will be widespread, embracing British companies which manufacture Japanese products under licence.

It will embarrass the Japanese government which has never been happy about the country's manufacturers fighting each other in foreign markets.

Matsushita claims that Sony has confused consumers by marketing 8 mm machines as the next generation of video tape recorders for use at home as well as outdoors, rather than as a specialty product with limited sales potential.

Matsushita is expected to market its own version of the 8 mm later this year, but only as a lightweight camera-recorder, primarily designed for outdoor filming rather than home recording.

● A new wave of video piracy is on its way to Britain from the US, Middle East and Far East, the Federation against Copyright Theft said yesterday.

Successful box office films such as Rambo, Rocky IV, Back to the Future and The Jewel of the Nile were being pirated in Beirut, Bahrain, Bangkok, Singapore and America.

Mr Peter Duffy, the federation's director general, said: "Without worldwide copyright legislation, there is little we can do."

Much greater international co-operation was necessary to combat the video pirates, Mr Duffy, a former head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist squad, said.

The post-Marcos Philippines

Aquino may side-step Parliament in fight for a new constitution

From Michael Hamlyn
Manila

A new constitution for the Philippines involving a single-term president is to be put to the people in a referendum within 90 days if a plan drawn up by the new Vice-President, Mr Salvador Laurel, is accepted.

The plan was sent to President Corazon Aquino by Mr Laurel in his capacity as leader of Unido (United National Democratic Organization), the party under whose banner she fought the election, to try to solve the complex constitutional and legal entanglements facing her Government.

At present the Government is by no means clear whether it is acting as a legal and properly constituted administration or as a revolutionary body empowered to act simply by virtue of the absence of any other government and the support of the people.

Yesterday Mr Laurel insisted that the Government was in existence both *de facto* and *de jure* since it was plainly in charge, and had been recognized as such by other governments.

But he also said that the Government rejected the 1973 constitution brought in by former President Marcos.

"That constitution was invalid from the very outset in 1973," he said yesterday. "It was not validly approved by the Philippine people. The Supreme Court said by six votes to four that it was not properly ratified."

Not surprisingly, that view is not held by members of the Philippines Parliament belonging to Mr Marcos's KBL (New Society Movement) party.

The KBL parliamentary caucus met yesterday and offered its assistance to the new President. "We shall not oppose her," the leader of the parliamentary party, Mr José Roño, said, "and if Mrs Aquino seeks constitutional approval from the Batasang (Parliament) we shall give her that".

He said, however, that the KBL would act as a democratic opposition and would keep up their surveillance of her Government, "That is the best service we can give the President," he said. "It is vital, if we are to call this democracy a real democracy, that we must maintain the two-party system."

Mr Roño went on to point out that the Batasang was empowered to act as a constitutional assembly, and would be able to draw up and approve a new constitution.

But Mr Laurel plainly intends to side-step the Assembly, since it is still dominated by the KBL and its supporters. The new constitution, which he suggests should be drawn up by a small panel of experts, will be put directly to the people.

The Vice-President also suggested yesterday that immediately after the constitution is approved there should be local elections for mayors and provincial governors.

That would also get round the fracas building around Mr Aquilino Pimentel, Minister for Local Government, who asked for the resignation of the mayors and is replacing them with Unido supporters.

In an indication that Philippine politics are returning to normal, with politicians on the same side stabbing each other in public, Mr Laurel accused Mr Pimentel of acting illegally "in some instances." He said that the matter had been discussed with the President, but he was not at liberty to disclose what was said.

A threat to the new Government which at one time was thought to be serious now appears to be diminishing.

The idea of a military conspiracy to hold out against the new regime seems to be vanishing with several hard-line Marcos loyalists reporting in recent days to the Defence Minister, Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, and to the Chief of Staff, General Fidel Ramos.

Other indications of growing confidence in the stability of the regime come from the increasing numbers of former political leaders returning to the country from exile.

Chief among them has been a former Foreign Minister, Mr Raul Manglapus. Another was Mr Heherson Alvarez, aged 81, a senior figure in the last constitutional convention who went into exile when many members were arrested by Mr Marcos in 1973. Mr Justiniano Martano and Mr Paul Daza, a former congressman, have also returned.

● **Reagan visit possible:** Mr Laurel said yesterday that President Reagan might visit Manila on his way to Indonesia for a South-East Asian foreign ministers' meeting (*Reuter reports*).

● **15 killed:** Fourteen policemen and a paramilitary sergeant were killed near Legaspi, in the central province of Albay yesterday, in the first big clash with Communist guerrillas since the fall of Mr Marcos (Reuter reports).

Move for assets

Manila (AFP) – President Aquino has taken the first legal steps to recover government assets from Mr Marcos in the Philippines and abroad by asking US federal and state courts to issue an injunction on a plane-load brought with him to Hawaii.



A young street vendor of pro-Aquino badges doing a brisk trade in Manila.

Warsaw mood on trial with five nationalists

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

The leaders of a group of ultra-nationalist Polish dissidents who have publicly called for a break with the Soviet Union were put on trial yesterday, charged with anti-state activity and preparing to overthrow the communist system with force.

The trial is the latest in a series of cases against dissidents that has been regarded as something of a barometer of the political climate in Poland.

Slander charges against Mr Lech Walesa, the Solidarity chairman, were dropped last month and two Solidarity organizers and advisers, Mr Adam Michnik and Mr Bogdan Lis, had their sentences cut by six months.

But the trial of the five leaders of the Confederation of Independent Poland (KPN) is expected to have a different outcome. Preparations to overthrow the state system with force carries a possible jail term of between one and 10 years. Led by the veteran dissident Leszek Moczulski, KPN has been questioning Poland's role in the Soviet alliance, and its various writings consistently depict Moscow as an enemy.

The banned movement did not command a large following on the scale of Solidarity, and is often at odds with the leadership of the outlawed union.

Tough treatment of the five KPN leaders – apart from Mr Moczulski, they are Krzystof Krol, Adam Slomka, Andrzej Szamanski and Dariusz Wojcik – would show Moscow that despite recent Polish court verdicts, the authorities will crack down hard on overt anti-Sovietism. All but Mr Wojcik refused to testify yesterday and the proceedings were dominated by the reading of the indictment.

The trial coincides with the Communist Party congress in the Soviet Union, and the original charges against the group were drawn up only days after the accession of Mr Mikhail Gorbachov to the Soviet leadership.

Security measures were tight outside the Warsaw courtroom yesterday – a police search turned up a kitchen knife, presumably meant to cut sandwiches during the lengthy proceedings, in the handbag of a woman relative – and the press was barred.

Despite KPN's differences with Solidarity, the accused are represented by top human rights lawyers reflecting to some degree the respect for Mr Moczulski's past record..

After benefiting from an amnesty for political prisoners in July 1984, he irritated the authorities by speaking in churches and in private discussion groups, outlining his programme for an independent Poland.

Clamp on critics by Athens

From Mario Modiano
Athens

A leading member of Greece's ruling Pasok party was expelled and a Communist newspaper was heavily fined as the Government moved to curb criticism and discourage the flouting of its economic austerity drive.

Mr Gerasimos Arsenis, who as National Economy Minister until July had been dubbed the Economic Tsar of Greece, was ousted from the party on Sunday night for publicly criticizing drastic changes in government economic policy.

At next weekend's meeting of the party general committee it was expected that he would rally support from the left wing to oppose the economic about-turn.

Meanwhile, the Athens daily *Rizospastis*, organ of the pro-Soviet Communist party, was fined £75,000 for defying a government decree curbing wage rises until the end of next year.

Rizospastis was published last Thursday when other Athens dailies were hit by a journalists' strike in protest against the wage freeze.

The paper is sharply critical of the Socialist government's monetarist options for the debt-ridden economy. The fine was denounced by the Athens Union of Journalists.

Astronauts reply to critics

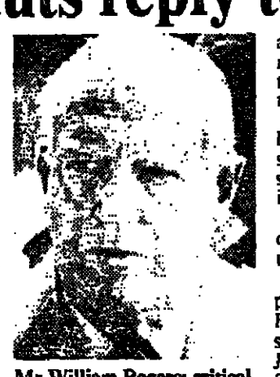
From Mohsin Ali
Washington

Nasa, which for decades has evidently run the US space programme with flawless efficiency, has emerged from presidential hearings on the explosion of the Challenger shuttle with its image badly dented.

After a month of official silence, four members of Nasa's astronaut corps held a press conference yesterday at the Johnson Space Centre in Houston, to discuss the Challenger disaster and to answer the allegation by Mr William Rogers, the investigating commission's chairman, that the Nasa launch decision-making process is flawed.

Mr Rogers, a former Secretary of State, made the statement after three days of public hearings last week, adding that the decision-making process must be improved.

Shortcomings in the system were brought to light by disclosures that engineers at Morton Thiokol, the company which built the Challenger rocket Challenger, opposed the launch on January 28 in which the crew of seven were killed soon after take-off.



Mr William Rogers: critical of decision-makers.

They feared that the abnormally cold weather on the day posed a safety risk, and were particularly worried that the freeze might make ring seals on the shuttle's solid rocket boosters become inflexible and let gases escape, which is considered a possible cause of the explosion. Their concerns were apparently never relayed above middle-level management at Nasa: senior officials testified that they were never told about them.

As a result, the ill-fated launch went ahead and the spacecraft exploded about 75 seconds after take-off, destroying the shuttle.

Mr Rogers told Nasa officials that they had forgotten to use "good judgement".

The four astronauts at the press conference were Charles Fullerton, a veteran of two shuttle voyages, Vance Brand, Joe Engle and Hank Hartsfield. All but Mr Fullerton are due to go on space missions this year and are among the investigative team of 24 astronauts led by a shuttle pilot, Robert Crippen.

The White House meanwhile is searching for a full-time Nasa administrator to replace Mr James Beggs, who resigned last week to devote his full time to fighting an indictment on charges not related to his Nasa activities.

A front runner appears to be Mr James Fletcher, head of the agency from 1971 to 1977.

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Sweden after Palme

New leader pledges no change in policy

From Christopher Mosey, Stockholm

Sweden's new leader, Mr Ingvar Carlsson, pledged yesterday to continue the policies of his assassinated predecessor, Mr Olof Palme.

He intended to be as active on the international scene as Mr Palme, who was shot dead in Stockholm on Friday by an unknown killer.

The Swedish Foreign Ministry said that Mr Carlsson was expected to visit Moscow next month or in May. Mr Palme had intended this visit to be part of a process of "normalization" of relations, which have been strained in recent years mainly because of alleged violations of Swedish waters by Soviet submarines.

Mr Carlsson is also likely to have talks with Mr Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, on the possibility that Sweden may be proposed to monitor any nuclear test ban treaty agreed with President Reagan.

The new leader, who at 52 is seven years younger than Mr Palme, looked pale, tired and sad as he met the world's press for the first time since the assassination.

He was elected unanimously yesterday as chairman of the ruling Social Democratic Party until its congress next year. Effectively he is now Sweden's new Prime Minister. Next Tuesday he will be proposed formally to Parliament as successor to Mr Palme. On the following day he will be sworn in.

No opposition to Mr Carlsson's election is expected either from the Social Democrats or from any of the non-socialist Opposition parties. His main rival for the leadership, Mr Kjell-Olof Feldt, the ebullient Finance Minister, has evidently decided that it would be inopportune to make any bid for power.

Mr Carlsson said he had co-operated closely with Mr Palme over almost three decades. "I shall strive to follow the principles he has laid down", he said.

Referring to the murder, he said: "Sweden should be a land with political democracy, with a great degree of openness". Everyone must fight to preserve "the open and free Sweden we have built up over the years".

He shared Mr Palme's views on security. He hoped he would in future be able to walk unguarded through the streets of Stockholm. He wished, like Mr Palme, to keep his private life free from supervision, but as long as Mr Palme's murder remained unsolved there would have to be strict security and he was prepared to accept that.

Mr Palme's funeral on March 15 will be a private affair, attended only by family, close friends and members of the Social Democratic elite.

However, a memorial service will be held later at Stockholm Town Hall, which is expected to be attended by many world leaders.

Arrangements have been made for outsiders to follow the funeral service itself on large television screens set up at various places throughout the country.

A memorial fund for Mr Palme will be set up in Sweden, the Social Democratic Party announced yesterday. It will promote studies by young people on international understanding and peace.

The spot where Mr Palme fell dying on the icy pavement of Sveavagen, Stockholm's main thoroughfare, continued to act as an unofficial shrine yesterdeay for thousands of Swedes, who have covered the bloodstained snow with a small mountain of flowers.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for the murder investigation team said yesterday that the lead-tipped, copper-cased bullets used in the assassination could penetrate a bullet-proof vest. It was also disclosed that on the night of the assassination a diplomat at the Swedish Embassy in Bonn received a telephone call claiming that the killing was the work of the West German terrorist group, Red Army Faction.

● **COPENHAGEN:** The murder of Mr Palme cast a shadow over the opening here yesterday of the 34th session of the Nordic Council, the consultative parliament of the five Nordic countries (Christopher Follett writes).

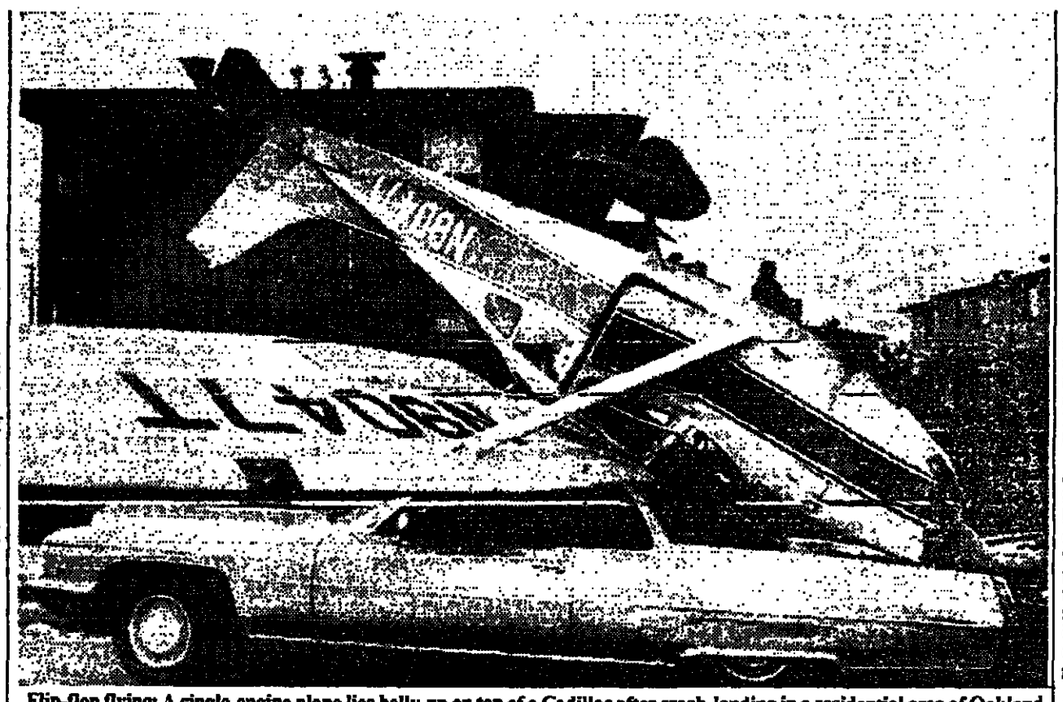
The five-day meeting, taking place in the Danish Parliament building and attended by 87 politicians and parliamentarians, observed a one-minute silence after a 50-minute memorial ceremony during which Mr Poul Schluter, Denmark's Conservative Prime Minister, paid tribute to the late Swedish premier.

All festivities connected with the session, including the traditional Nordic state banquet, were cancelled.

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Mr Ingvar Carlsson, the new Swedish leader, receiving the attentions of press photographers in Stockholm yesterday.



Flip-flop flying: A single-engine plane lies belly-up on top of a Cadillac after crash-landing in a residential area of Oakland, California. Three other cars were damaged but the pilot escaped with slight injuries.

Charred corpse in Cairo hotel

From Alice Brinton
Cairo

Two Danish diplomats searching a hotel in the Giza area of Cairo have uncovered the remains of a charred body they believe to be that of a Danish tourist, Miss Anne Pedersen, who was in her 70s.

Mr Claus Von Barnekow, counsellor at the Danish Embassy in Cairo, said that Miss Pedersen had been reported missing on Wednesday last week, the day after security police conscripts went on the rampage in Giza streets and set fire to a number of hotels, including the Holiday Pyramids Hotel, where she and her group had been staying.

Mr Von Barnekow said that at the time they reported Miss Pederson missing they were assured by Egyptian authorities that all the rooms of damaged hotels had been searched and that no bodies had been found.

The two diplomats conducted their own search on Sunday and found an unidentifiable charred body in the bathroom of the room Miss Pedersen was listed as occupying.

They are waiting for her dental charts from Denmark to make a positive identification, but if the body does prove to be that of Miss Pedersen she will be the first known foreign victim of the rioters' violence.

More than 2,500 security troops and 700 civilians have been arrested since an estimated 8,000-10,000 members of the security forces took to the streets on Tuesday night last week because of a false rumour that their tours of duty would be extended.

The conscripts earn about £2.50 a month and live under generally appalling conditions.

Meanwhile, a leading Cairo newspaper, *al-Ahram*, said yesterday that a woman had given riot investigators a video tape showing the rioting which had led to the arrest of seven people, including a lawyer.

Egypt's Minister of the Interior, Mr Zaki Badr, was quoted yesterday in the official ruling party organ *Mayo* as saying that the Government would not disband the security forces.

Ex-envoy held on gun charge

From Mario Modiano
Athens

A retired British diplomatic employee whose Athens flat was searched in connection with a Soviet espionage case now under investigation in London and Athens, was remanded in custody yesterday on a charge of illegal possession of five pistols and 148 rounds of ammunition.

Mr Edgerton "Eddie" Duckworth, aged 63, who worked in the British Embassy's commercial department until 1979, told the investigating magistrate that he was a collector of firearms, and target practice was his hobby.

He said he had failed to declare his collection after losing his diplomatic status on retirement.

Mr Thanasis Liakopoulos, the lawyer representing Mr Duckworth, detained since Friday, said the prosecutor's decision to detain him on "suspicion that he might flee the country", was most unusual.

He would appeal against it considering that the trial was likely to be delayed for several months.

Police escape ANC ambush by killing 7 in shootout

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The South African police yesterday shot dead seven black men who they said were "terrorists" of the outlawed African National Congress (ANC) in a gun battle in Guguletu, a black township on the outskirts of Cape Town. One policeman was slightly injured.

The police said they had received a tip-off that the ANC planned to attack a vehicle carrying policemen to work at the Guguletu police station and "certain precautionary measures were taken". In effect, the police appear to have laid an ambush for the would-be ambushers.

"At 0720 hours, near the Guguletu police station, after the police had stopped a vehicle with black occupants, a skirmish between the police and ANC terrorists ensued, during which a hand grenade was hurled at the police and they were fired on," the Commissioner of Police, General Johan Coetzee, said.

"In the clash seven ANC terrorists were killed and one policeman was slightly wounded. The police seized several AK47 rifles, a number of rounds of ammunition and several pistols and hand grenades."

It is understood that the police had been hidden near the scene of the expected ambush for several hours. The van taking the policemen to work passed by and a few minutes later another van drew up and seven armed men got out.

● **ANC talks:** The ANC has held talks with one of South Africa's tribal homeland leaders in a new move aimed at broadening its range of potential allies within the republic and putting pressure on Pretoria to lift the ban on it.

Meanwhile, six of the seven members of the Commonwealth "Eminent Persons Group" (EPG) arrived in Cape Town on Sunday on the second leg of a visit to monitor the pace of reform and assess the chances of negotiation between the Government and black leaders on sharing political power.

The Chief Minister of Kangwane, Mr Enos Mabuza, accompanied by about 20 members of his homeland's legislative assembly, arrived in Lusaka, the capital of Zambia, on Friday for "consultative" talks with Mr Oliver Tambo, the ANC president, and other ANC leaders. The talks were reported to be continuing yesterday.

Mr Mabuza, whose small homeland is contiguous to the northern and western frontiers of Swaziland and is the territory reserved for South Africa's 800,000 Swazis, is due to fly back to South Africa today.

The homeland leaders have been regarded with contempt by the ANC as "puppets" of Pretoria. The only exception is Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, the Zulu leader, whom Mr Tambo met in London in 1979. Since then, however, Chief Buthelezi's relations with the ANC have deteriorated drastically.

In recent months, the ANC has met white businesssmen, opposition MPS, churchmen and student leaders. At one point the Government became alarmed — in the words of the Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr Ron Miller — at the number of people "beating a path to the ANC's door", and refused permission for some would-be visitors to Lusaka.

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Tourism threat to reef

Sydney (Reuter) — Australian conservationists launched a national campaign yesterday to stop a £160 million tourist development which, they claimed, could threaten the Great Barrier Reef.

At least five conservation groups condemned moves by the right-wing Queensland state government to withdraw national park status from a small island near the reef.

One of Australia's domestic airlines, East-West, is seeking freehold title from the state government over most of Lindeman island, for a tourist resort.

A large population on the island with resulting effluent and waste could destroy a section of the reef, the world's largest marine park, according to a spokesman for the Queensland Wildlife Preservation Society.

But conservationists were also worried by the precedent created in selling off the national parkland in a World Heritage Commission area to a tourist developer, the society's vice-president, Mr John Sinclair, said in an interview.

East-West have declined comment on their plans.

Iran and Iraq claim successes near Fao

Bahrain (Reuter) — Iran and Iraq both claimed big successes yesterday in overnight fighting in the Fao peninsula of southern Iraq, occupied by Iranian troops early in the "Dawn 8" offensive across the Shatt al-Arab waterway three weeks ago.

A Baghdad communiqué said that two divisions of Iranian Revolutionary Guards were annihilated when they attacked the central column of a three-pronged Iraqi advance on Iranians holding the small port of Fao. (An Iranian regular army division is normally 10,000 men, but military Tehran sources said that reserve divisions of war volunteers might comprise as few as 1,500 men.)

Iran said it inflicted 500 Iraqi casualties in what appeared to be the same fighting and said its air force bombed strategic areas behind the Iraqi front lines.

Iran also reported another advance on the northern Kurdistan front.

A war communique on Tehran Radio said that Iranian troops were now only 11 miles from the Kurdistan provincial capital, Sulaymaniyah, some 170 miles north-east of Baghdad. Iraq made no mention of fighting in Kurdistan.

Shias claim executions

Beirut (Reuter) — A radical Shia Muslim militia said yesterday that it had "executed" nine men and two women accused of involvement in a lethal series of car bomb blasts in Lebanon dating back to 1978.

The pro-Iranian Hizbollah distributed an 86-page document, with photographs of the accused, on its investigation of an alleged bomb ring it said was backed by Christian groups and Army intelligence.

The document did not say how, when or where the death sentences were carried out. Video-taped confessions would be shown on Lebanese television.

Hizbollah said the 11 were part of a ring responsible for car bomb attacks, including one that killed at least 75 in the Shia suburb of Bir al-Abed in March. The blasts killed 277 people and wounded 1,111.

The document said the ringleader, Mahmud Zayyat, had taken refuge in Christian East Beirut.

Union leader's blow to González Nato hopes

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

As the campaign leading to Spain's referendum on Nato membership went into a second week yesterday, the Socialist Government, which desperately wants a "yes" vote, took a severe blow from Señor Nicolás Redondo, the party's leading union figure.

He told all members of the pro-Socialist General Union of Workers (UGT), the Spanish equivalent of the TUC, to vote "no" on March 12, thereby obeying union policy.

But Señor Redondo, general secretary of the UGT, instructed his local leaders not to take part with Communist unionists and other left-wingers in campaigning for a "no" verdict.

His position appears to be supported in his own Basque region where, according to a poll, 49 per cent of Basques intend to vote "no". Only 13 per cent said that they thought Spain should remain in Nato.

● **Poll boost:** According to the latest public opinion poll, to be published in today's issue of *Epoca*, a Madrid weekly, of the 68 per cent who intend to voteon March 12, 49 per cent will vote "yes"and 43 per cent "no".

Muslims sack nine temples in Pakistan

Islamabad (AFP) — Hindus in the south-eastern city of Jacobabad were in a state of shock yesterday after the sacking of nine temples by Muslim extremists — the first such violence against a non-Muslim minority in Pakistan since 1948.

The city, in the north of Sind province, remained tense. Jacobabad is home to some 10,000 of the more than one million Hindus in Pakistan, compared to 84 million Muslims.

Demonstrators were called out on Sunday by the Muslim fundamentalist Jamiat Ulema Islam, in protest at an Indian court's decision to authorize the opening of a Hindu temple on the site of a mosque in India's Uttar Pradesh state.

The Indian court's decision provoked inter-community clashes in India, which left 15 dead and aroused great emotion among Pakistanis.

On Sunday demonstrators stoned and sacked the nine temples, according to local police, who did not report any victims. They dispersed the demonstrators but were unable to protect the temples.

Libya's foreign chief

Tripoli, Libya (AFP) - The Libyan parliament, the General Peoples' Congress, has named Mr Kamal Hassan Mansour, the former Oil Minister, as the country's new foreign minister, replacing Mr Ali Treiki.

Mr Treiki, aged 48, served twice as foreign minister in Colonel Gadaffi's regime and was Libya's representative to the United Nations from 1982 to 1984. Mr Mansour, who recently changed his name from Maqhour, has been Libya's representative to the UN and ambassador to France and China. He was oil minister from 1982 to 1984 and Opec chairman in 1984.

No immediate explanation for the change is available, nor is any information about Mr Treiki's future.

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Kremlin blueprint for 2000

Premier flays planners and sets fresh course

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The Kremlin blueprint for revitalizing the economy by the year 2000 was combined with a damning indictment of the Soviet Union's recent economic performance in the presentation to the 27th Communist Party congress yesterday of Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov, the Prime Minister.

In a toughly-worded speech that continued the predominant theme of self-criticism, Mr Ryzhkov chided numerous ministries and other top state bodies for inefficiency and irresponsibility which had cost the country billions of roubles.

He also indicated "moral and material" punishment for those enterprises which produce sub-standard goods.

Among examples highlighting past mistakes were factories which were instructed to start up production of designs already 20 years out of date, delays of many years in completing important building projects, and a massive waste in the Soviet Union's natural resources.

The singling-out by name of some industries for criticism left observers with no doubt that further heads in the administrative hierachy are soon to roll.

Areas of particular concern to the Kremlin are agriculture, construction and oil, where declining production is being aggravated by the slump in world oil prices.

The new programme foresees the doubling of national income and industrial output by the turn of the century, but after yesterday's two-hour address, Western experts say

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that there is still lack of any overall strategy by which this might be achieved.

As congress speakers before him had done, Mr Ryzhkov devoted considerable attention to de-bunking the era of the late President Brezhnev. He referred to "unfavourable tendencies" in the economy which had first appeared in the 1970s and grown even stronger in the early 1980s.

"Both in the centre and in the regions, many managers continued to work with outdated methods and proved unprepared for work in the new conditions", he said.

"Discipline and order deteriorated to an intolerable level. There was a fall in . . . responsibility. The vicious practice of revising plan targets downwards became widespread."

His keynote address also outlined details of the first five-year plan of the Gorbachov era, which will run until 1990. In June it was announced that Mr Gorbachov had ordered the original draft to be scrapped because it encouraged waste.

But he also acknowledged publicly that "many industries" had failed to reach their targets in the 1981-1985 period.

Mr Ryzhkov emphasized that as regards the economy, the party was looking for "radical reform" rather than partial improvements.

To the applause of the delegates, Mr Ryzhkov pledged that the Kremlin would never "fulfil the hopes of the bourgeois ideologues" by straying from "fundamental principles" in economic management.

● **Praise from Benn:** Mr Tony Benn was quoted yesterday in the official Soviet media as saying that all mankind had drawn hope from Moscow's arms control initiatives (Reuter reports).



Mr Ryzhkov, the Soviet Prime Minister, delivering his keynote speech to 5,000 congress delegates yesterday.

Doubts nag US over sailor's on-off 'defection'

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The saga of Miroslav Medved, the Soviet "defector" who apparently changed his mind, continues to raise nagging questions four months after the Reagan Administration allowed him to sail home to certain punishment, and possibly even death, four months ago.

The central question is whether the Russians switched the real Mr Medved with an imposter before the State Department interviewed him in New Orleans.

He had jumped into the Mississippi in a defection attempt, only to be ordered back to his cargo ship.

He, or somebody purporting to be him, later jumped into the river again and was interviewed at length. He insisted that, after all, he wanted to go home.

Some Congressmen are convinced that this man was not Mr Medved. They cite his belligerent manner, his vigorous defence of the Soviet system and his arrogance — traits that were apparently far from evident when Mr Medved first clambered ashore.

The State Department says it is certain there was not a switch. And Mr Boris Malakhov, a spokesman for the Soviet Embassy in Washington, said: "It's crazy to think it was not Miroslav Medved who was interviewed."

Those who suspect a switch also cite a number of photographs taken surreptitiously during the interview, which, they claim, demonstrate that it was not the same man. The FBI, which compared the pictures with photographs taken of the seaman who first jumped ship, said that no firm conclusions could be drawn.

Mr Larry Speakes, the White House spokesman, said yesterday that there was nothing to contradict the belief that the man interviewed was Mr Medved.



Miroslav Medved: Some say Russians did a switch.

Setback to Kohl in local poll

From Frank Johnson, Bonn

Plenty of explanations were on offer here yesterday for the unexpectedly big Social Democrat and Green gains, at the expense of Christian Democrats and Free Democrats, in local government elections in northern Germany on Sunday. But one question remains above all: were Chancellor Kohl's current legal difficulties anything to do with it?

Bonn's politicians face a general election in 10 months, and Herr Kohl is being investigated for having allegedly given false testimony to a committee of the *Land* (province) Parliament of the Rhineland-Palatinate which was investigating business contributions to his party funds.

The public prosecutors in Bonn are expected to decide this week whether to investigate a similar accusation made about Herr Kohl's testimony to a Bundestag committee.

In Sunday's elections, for ll local councils in the *Land* of Schleswig-Holstein, Herr Kohl's Christian Democrats (CDU) lost 5.9 per cent of their 1982 vote. It was the worst CDU result in the *Land* for 20 years. Most of the losses were to the Social Democrats (SPD).

The Greens emerged as the third biggest party, replacing the liberal Free Democrats (FDP). This was particularly ominous for the national Government, of which the FDP is junior member.

The Christian Democrats rely on the FDP to produce an anti-SPD majority nationally. If a combination of SPD and Green support produced an anti-CDU majority, the SPD could form a Government sustained in the Bundestag by the Greens.

The SDP candidate for Chancellor, Herr Johannes Rau, has always said that he would never form a coalition with the Greens.

But there are various definitions of "coalition". If the SPD turned out as the biggest single party, it would be unlikely to spurn the Greens' parliamentary support, if it was the only way the SPD could form a Government.

Gun found in tennis star's luggage

San Francisco (UPI) — A pistol found in the luggage of tennis star Martina Navratilova was seized at San Francisco international airport.

The gun was discovered on Sundayduring a routine metal-scanning check of carry-on luggage. Miss Navratilova told officials that the gun was mistakenly put in the case by a friend who helped her pack. She said the weapon was normally stored in cargo-hold baggage.

She was allowed to board her plane and can file a court petition for the return of the pistol for which she has a Texas permit.

£4m oil depot blaze beaten

Athens — A week-long blaze in a 12-tank oil depot near Salonika was subdued early yesterday with the help of European experts and 80 Yugoslav firemen (Mario Modiano writes).

Athens officials said the flames were confined to oil spilt from tanks gutted in one of the worst oil fires in Europe, destroying £4 million of crude oil.

Glass in food

New York (UPI) — An investigation into the discovery of glass in a jar of Gerber baby tapioca was ordered after a mother found her son's tongue was bleeding.

Guru auction

Laguna Beach, California (UPI) — Belongings of guru Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, who is now in Crete, including a silver flute and luxury robe fabrics, were auctioned by followers to pay his legal bills.

Choosy thief

San Francisco (UPI) — A burglar with a taste for rare wines broke into the cellar of an elegant restaurant here and stole vintage Bordeaux worth £10,000, an 1825 French painting and a five-ton safe.

Jail workers

Kigali, Rwanda (AFP) — The 12,000 prisoners in Rwanda jails are being told to grow food and make uniforms to put prisons in profit and save money for the state.

Hoxha elected

Vienna (AFP) — Mrs Nexhmije Hoxha, widow of the late Albanian party chief and head of state, Enver Hoxha, who died in April, has been elected head of the Albanian Popular Front.

Fatal flight

Bern (AP) — A Swiss-registered Cessna private plane crashed three minutes after takeoff from Bern airport in snow, killing the pilot and seven passengers.

Ershad snub

Dhaka — The leading Bangladesh opposition parties have rejected President Ershad's offer of elections on April 26 and said they will continue to campaign against military rule.

Ailing airport

Paris (Reuter) — An indefinite strike by firemen at Charles De Gaulle airport over medical tests disrupted domestic and international traffic yesterday.

Not so rocky

New York (Reuter) — The film star Sylvester Stallone earns as much from one film — $12 million (£8.57 million) — as President Reagan, on an annual salary of $200,000, would earn in 60 years, according to a *People* magazine report.

Reagan steps up aid efforts for Contras

From Michael Binyon, Washington

President Reagan, stepping up his campaign to win $100 million (£69 million) in aid for the Contra rebels fighting the Nicaraguan Government, received their leaders at the White House yesterday, together with their supporters in the American private sector.

His symbolic meeting came as the White House was trying to persuade a sceptical Congress that the situation in Nicaragua is more dangerous for the US than was that in the Philippines before Mr Marcos fled. Mr George Shultz, Secretary of State, gave a warning that if the Contras were neglected the Western hemisphere could be "taken hostage by totalitarians".

In a speech to US veterans he said the Sandinista Government had been threatening elected governments in neighbouring countries with Soviet weapons.

The Administration has been exasperated by the lack of public support for its tough policies towards Nicaragua. In 1984 Congress cut off all military aid to the Contras, authorizing only $27 million in humanitarian assistance. The Administration has also been embarrassed by the plandits it has received from all quarters for its role in getting rid of Mr Duvalier in Haiti and Mr Marcos.

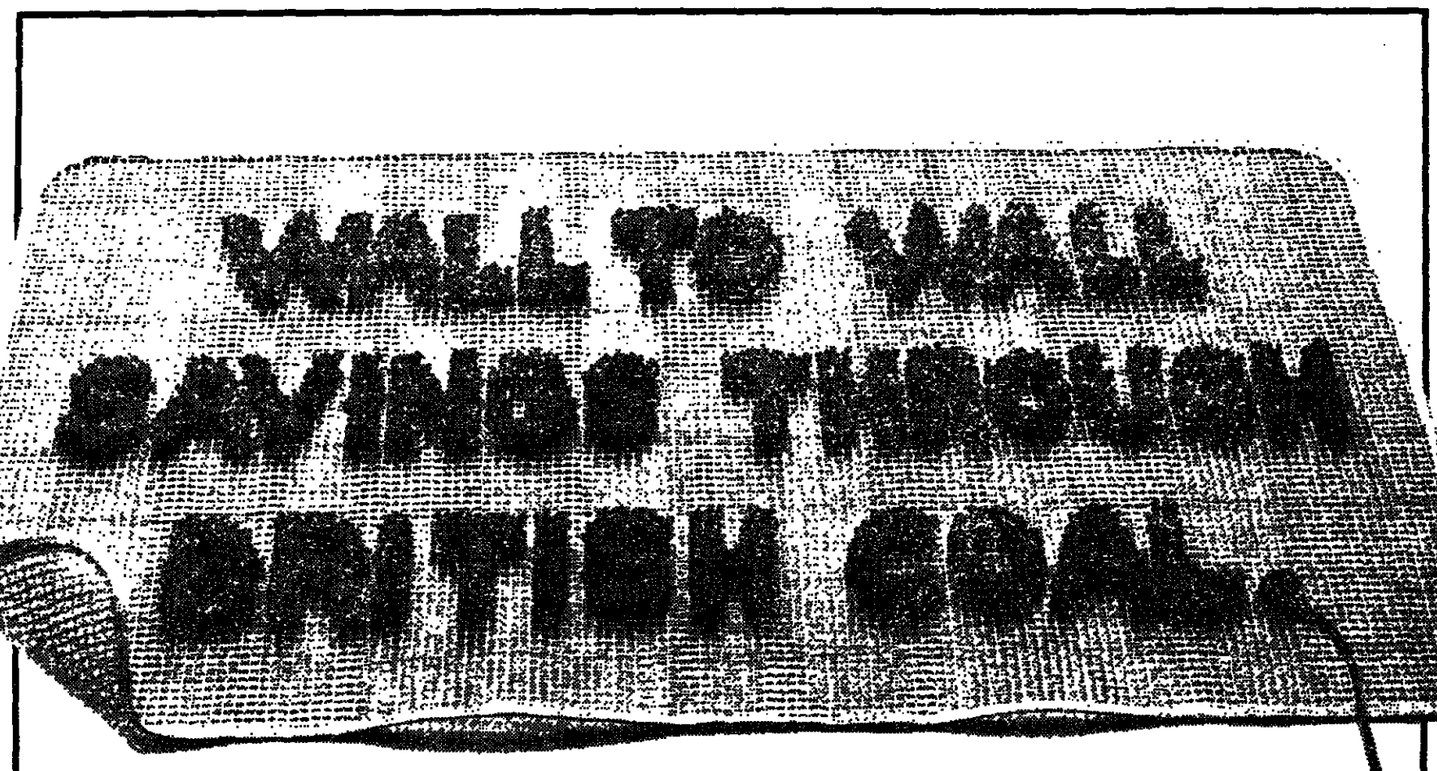
Mayor blamed for raid

Philadelphia (Reuter) — A commission investigating a police attack on a house here last year, in which 11 people died and 61 houses were destroyed, has criticized the city's Mayor in a draft report.

The commission, appointed by the Mayor himself, Mr Wilson Goode, called him grossly negligent in launching the raid to evict members of a radical group called Move.

Police bombed the house from a helicopter, killing six adults and five children and starting a fire which left 250 people homeless.

The report said that "the plan to bomb the Move house was reckless, ill-conceived and hastily approved".



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Seoul leader heads for Europe in attempt to avoid Marcos's fate

By Nicholas Ashford, Diplomatic Correspondent

President Chun Doo Hwan, the authoritarian leader of South Korea, is to pay an official visit to Britain early next month as part of a four-nation tour of Western Europe. He will also visit West Germany, France and Belgium.

It will be the first visit to Western Europe by a Korean head of state. Although there are growing economic ties between Korea and Europe, the authoritarian nature of successive Korean regimes has meant that their leaders were not welcome visitors in the West. The date of the visit has not yet been announced.

Acutely aware of the fate of Mr Marcos, his near neighbour from the Philippines, President Chun is trying to give his administration a more democratic and moderate image – a process encouraged actively by the United States.

After weeks of growing political unrest President Chun last week suddenly made a series of political concessions in the hope of avoiding a similarly ignominious exit from his presidential palace.

These included the release from house arrest of the opposition leader, Mr Kim Dae Jung, and a promise to discuss changes in the constitution after the 1988 presidential election.

His visit to Europe forms part of his plan to improve his image. He hopes that television pictures of him chatting with Mrs Thatcher, Chancellor Kohl of West Germany and President Mitterrand of France will persuade the Korean electorate that he enjoys the respect and confidence of these Western democratic leaders.

● SEOUL: Riot police used teargas to break up a student demonstration against the South Korean Government yesterday, the fifth anniversary of President Chun's taking office (AFP reports).

Witnesses said that about 300 students at Seoul National University clashed with riot police after a rally in support of an opposition-run signature collection campaign calling for direct presidential elections.

The students fled when an estimated 1,000 police in plain clothes and riot police lobbed teargas canisters and moved in to arrest them, witnesses said. Similar demonstrations were held at three other campuses in the capital.

Newspapers yesterday praised President Chun, an Army general-turned-politician, for his success in the economic sector, his liberalization policies and his contribution to South Korea's international standing.

But they say that there is still much to be done to eliminate a perceived threat of war from North Korea.



Mr Brian Mulroney, the Canadian Prime Minister, showing off his skills at the opening ceremonies of the 1986 Brier Curling Championships at Kitchener in Ontario.

Turmoil in Quebec

Liberals weigh up departure of a vote-getter

From John Best, Ottawa

The Liberal Party of Canada is anxiously trying to sort out the implications of last week's sudden departure of Mr Jean Chrétien, a long-time party stalwart and one of the country's most popular politicians.

The question the party faces is whether by resigning his House of Commons seat to take up a career in business, Mr Chrétien, a valuable vote-getter, has handed the next federal election to the ruling Conservatives on a platter.

Mr Chrétien stepped aside on Thursday, as the culmination of an increasingly bitter feud with Mr John Turner, the party leader and former Prime Minister. He said he wanted to devote more time to his family, and to pursue opportunities with an Ottawa law firm and a Montreal investment business.

But few political observers doubted that the real reason was that he found himself in an increasingly untenable position in the House.

Rumblings over the Chrétien affair occurred in a conference of the party's Quebec wing in Quebec City at the weekend.

Some delegates criticized Mr Turner's handling of the affair and one delegate, Mrs Celine Hervieux-Payette, a former federal Cabinet minister, claimed that Mr Chrétien had been forced out rather than having left of his own accord.

Mr Turner's position should be clarified when the Liberals hold an automatic leadership review in November.

Mr Chrétien, aged 52, an earthy politician whose free-wheeling and plebeian ways endeared him both to English-speaking Canada and his native, French-speaking Quebec, finished second to Mr Turner in the June, 1984, Liberal leadership race. He never appeared to become reconciled to his defeat.

Relations between him and Mr Turner reached breaking point last month over control of the federal party's Quebec wing. Quebec with its 75 seats at Ottawa – more than a quarter of the 282 total – is considered vital to a restoration of Liberal power. According to opinion polls, voters in the province have already started to return to the party of their traditional allegiance, which they deserted in droves in the September 1984 elections.

Mr Chrétien, never a man to mince words, erupted in anger when Mr Turner blocked his choice for president of the federal party organization in Quebec and got his own candidate elected instead.

He alleged that a "malaise" had taken root in the party's Quebec wing, and suggested that Turner supporters were trying to get rid of party veterans loyal to him.

After that, with the issue triggering noisy recriminations between pro-Turner and pro-Chrétien factions, it was probably just a matter of time before the two men came to a formal parting of the ways.

For the moment, Mr Turner has cause for relief since Mr Chrétien's departure resolves a situation that was causing him acute embarrassment and raising questions about his hold on the leadership.

PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

Soviet Union: Mikhail Kukobaka

By Caroline Moorehead

A former lorry driver in his late forties called Mikhail Kukobaka is serving his third consecutive sentence as a political prisoner in the Soviet Union.

The exact term is not known, but it may be as long as 12 years' imprisonment and exile, the maximum for the charge of "anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda" on which he is being held. He is in a strict regime labour camp in the Perm region.

Mr Kukobaka first clashed with the authorities in 1970 after he criticized the Soviet intervention in Czechoslovakia. Charged with circulating anti-Soviet propaganda, he spent six years in psychiatric hospitals.

After his release he was rearrested and held for brief periods for having on his wall the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and a photograph of Dr Andrei Sakharov. Caught sending essays abroad, he spent three years in a criminal labour camp at Novopolotsk in Belorussiya.

He has not been free since. In 1981 he faced new charges of circulating anti-Soviet slander, and was jailed for three years. It was during this term, *in October 1984, that he was* given his current sentence.

● The new attitude to dissidents may be tested when Professor Yuli Kagarlitsky, a Soviet expert on English literature, learns whether he is to be allowed to attend an H G Wells symposium in London in July.

His son, Boris, was arrested with a Young Socialist discussion group, and though he was later released, Dr Kagarlitsky has been dismissed from his professorship.



Mikhail Kukobaka: 16 years of clashes with authority

Colombia extends rebel truce

Bogotá (Reuter) – The Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), the country's biggest guerrilla group, yesterday signed an indefinite extension of a 21-month truce with the Government.

President Betancur, speaking at the presidential palace, said the agreement showed peace was possible and that "discussion will always be better than confrontation".

The extension had been widely expected after the pro-communist FARC agreed to take part in parliamentary elections on Sunday as a left-wing coalition front called Patriotic Union.

The new pact was signed by members of the Government peace commission and leading FARC leaders in Uribe, a mountain zone south of Bogotá where the rebels have headquarters.

President Betancur initiated the peace process in 1982 with a wide-ranging amnesty, followed in 1984 by truces with the main rebel groups.

Queen honours a little bush hero

From Stephen Taylor, Canberra

The Queen pinned Australia's highest civilian bravery award yesterday on the chest of a little Aussie battler named Alfred Collins.

"Little Alf", as he is known in his family to distinguish him from his father, who is also an Alfred, is a slim, shy, freckle-faced boy aged 11. He was in Canberra yesterday with other distinguished Australians, captains of industry and civilian servants, to be honoured by the Queen.

The difference was that Little Alf, who was presented with the gold medal of The Royal Humane Society of Australasia, had travelled more than 1,200 miles by road, taking more than a week to get here.

The Collins cattle farm is in one of Australia's remotest regions, in the heart of Queensland 500 miles from a city and almost 100 miles from Rockhampton, the nearest town. Alf and his five sisters do not go to school but are taught at home.

Some 18 months ago Alf, then aged just nine, was out helping his father to load fence posts on a track. A wild boar suddenly charged out of the bush. The animal was the species known locally as a "razorback", a powerful, dangerous creature which sent Mr Collins sprawling and ripped into him with scything blows from its tusks.

Still limping yesterday after three bouts in hospital, Mr Collins said: "When I saw the pig coming I thought, 'Well, I can manage this OK,' but then suddenly I was down and in big trouble. I was scrapping, but I knew I was losing. No doubt about it, my number was up. That's when I called for little Alf."

The official record of the incident says that he called out: "Save me, Alf, save me." Neither father nor son can now verify the actual words, but Little Alf, who had first fled in fear, picked up a piece of wood and raced back, beating the animal until it fled.

Indian budget fails to allay inflation fears

From Kuldip Nayar, Delhi

Irked by a barrage of criticism that next year's budget is inflationary, the Indian Finance Ministry asserts that "the budget will be price neutral". But the statement has not allayed general misgivings that the country is in for another round of price rises in the wake of increases three weeks ago on petroleum products, coal, wheat, rice, chemicals and fertilizers.

The Finance Ministry has also tried to explain, without winning much support, the rise in deficit financing, which is expected to top £350 million, ten times more than the extra won in taxation.

Defence expenditure has risen by nearly £58 million.

The budget levies duty on such luxuries as cars, colour televisions, air conditioners and race and lottery winnings.

Kerosene stoves, footware, blankets and some drugs will become cheaper because of the withdrawal of excise duties. Funds have have also been allocated to house-building, social security schemes for workers and subsidized loans for the urban poor.

The budget tries to rationalize the tax structure, introducing a modified VAT system (Modvat), and excise concessions for industrial units.

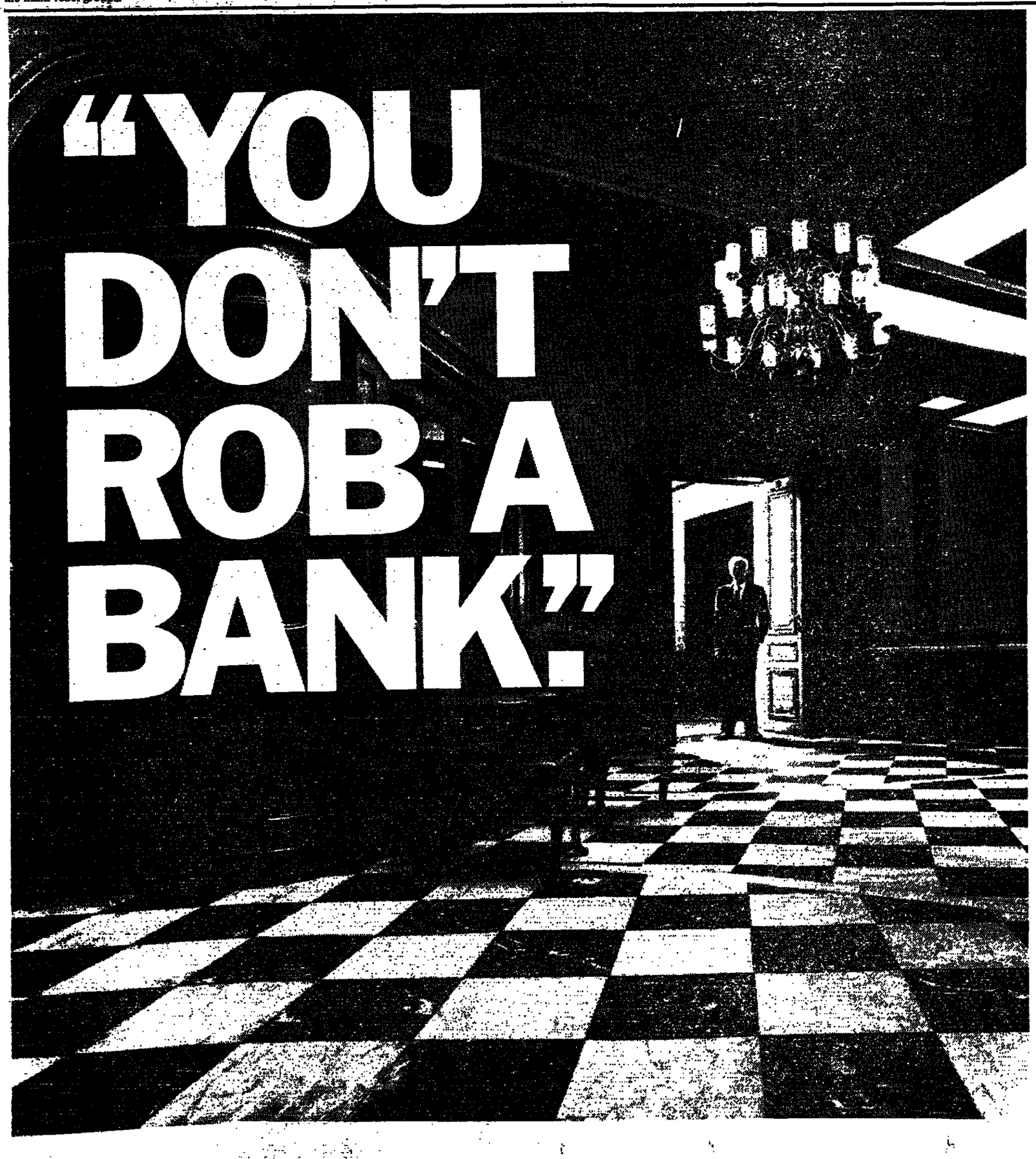
Asian tour by Hayden

Jakarta (Reuter) – Mr Bill Hayden, the Australian Foreign Minister, had wide-ranging discussions here yesterday with his Indonesian opposite number, Dr Mochtar Kusumaatmadja, including developments in the Philippines and Cambodia.

Mr Hayden, starting an Asian tour which will also take him to Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Hong Kong and Manila, said that they had reviewed the situation in Manila and the challenges faced by President Aquino.

The two foreign ministers also discussed Dr Mochtar's talks this month in Hanoi on Cambodia on behalf of the Association of South East Asian Nations (Asean).

Mr Hayden said that Australia applauded Jakarta's initiative for settling the conflict.



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Pass the product placement: Harold Ramis offers a Cheez-it to Dan Aykroyd in Ghostbusters

"We gave Rambo his knife and Schwarzenegger his sunglasses", says Russell Pickering, London manager of Associated Film Promotions. AFP also put Panasonic hardware into the hands of the Ghostbusters. Budweiser beer down the parched throat of Clint Eastwood and gave Gene Wilder a Cadillac for *The Woman in Red*.

This is called "Product Placement" and the manufacturers paid handsomely for the privilege of appearing in the films. After all it comes cheaper than television advertising: during the life of a big budget movie it reaches more people and it creates a public image without the public realizing. AFP laughs all the way to the bank and the film-makers find their budget pressures are eased.

But just as the marketing men are considering product placing on British television, advertising executives in this country have begun to express doubts about the ethics of such deals. Any such move will bring them into direct conflict with the BBC and the IBA — product placing can break the rules. But suddenly a lot of people are trying to find ways of doing just that. Some say they have done it already.

Using the movies to advertise goods is almost as old as cinema itself. It was common enough, even in the 1930s or 1940s, to thank airline or car companies in the credits for travel or free props. And unofficially, props managers, when dispatched to find a car, would take backhanders from local dealers.

But then along came Bob Kovoloff. He came out of the American advertising industry with the conviction that such placements were worth big bucks — the industry just needed a little organizing. He formed AFP and, from 1977, created a new method of film financing.

The first venture was the Jerry Lewis film *Hardy Working* in which Kovoloff placed Dunkin Donuts, Quaker State Motor Oil and Goodyear tyres. From then on he never looked back. The industry he invented has expanded to the point where virtually every big budget, non X-rated film produced by Hollywood will be littered with product placements. *Back to the Future* had no fewer than 37, including Toyota, JVC Camcorders and Pepsi-Cola.

The coup that everybody talks about in hushed tones was *ET*

But the greatest product placement coup of all, the one that everybody in the business talks about in hushed tones, was *ET*. When the small boy lured the cuddly alien from his hideout, he used a trail of sweets. These were Peeces Reeces; thanks to the film, sales instantly shot up by 85 per cent. Another sweet — said to be M 'n' Ms, the American equivalent of Smarties — had originally been specified in the script, but it was changed to accommodate the highest bidder. The placement was so successful that everybody in the business now claims credit, and nobody is now sure who closed the deal.

That is an indication of how many competitors AFP has spawned. One estimate suggests that there are 30 placement agencies working in the United States. Now the two biggest — AFP and International Film Promotions, its main rival — are in London fighting for the queue of British and European manufacturers who dream of seeing Sylvester Stallone wearing, driving or smoking their products.

Mark Gottlieb, managing director of IFP in London, is currently celebrating successes that include the Peugeot Glenn Close drives in *Jagged Edge*, the Adidas shoes from *That's Dancing* and the Cheez-Its eaten in *Ghostbusters*. He is also pleased with the Martini poster which Julie Walters walks past in *Car Trouble* — for, although it is an American-financed movie, everything else about it is British, a promising sign for the UK placement industry.

Gottlieb says the sums of money involved in each placement vary enormously. The biggest known placement was the $5m put into *Santa Claus* by McDonald's hamburgers. But Gottlieb stresses that the average placement involves relatively small sums. A simple "pack shot" where, for example, a product just happens to be lying on a table may be the cheapest level of exposure, but every additional degree of emphasis costs more. A line of dialogue such as "Gee these widgets are great!" is the ultimate.

"We are talking about marginal money for the film makers — enough to allow them an extra day's shooting or something like that", Gottlieb says.

Agencies like IFP receive scripts from the studios long before shooting starts. Gottlieb then vets them for "placement opportunities" and produces a newsletter outlining new productions and the sort of props that might be required. His clients pay a basic £50,000 a year and are guaranteed placements in six movies. The bigger the movie the greater the competition and the higher the bidding. For anything by Spielberg the companies tend to deal direct with the studio, cutting out the agencies. But there are now so many placements that there is something for everyone in every big movie.

Both Gottlieb and Pickering insist that British demand for the service is immense. Primarily, of course, it comes from UK manufacturers with distribution in the US. But as the market develops, the agencies are finding ways of placing in films likely to be successful in the UK. And Gottlieb says he is about to reveal a new way of using films for product promotion.

Both companies are cagey about all their clients, but Vauxhall, Toshiba, Buchanan's whisky and DHL are all in there. AFP are even opening a warehouse in Acton, west London, from which film makers can simply take their clients' products off the shelves (on condition that the products are not shown in a derogatory light).

Television is the next big challenge for the agencies

Gottlieb, at least, is not following the American pattern; he is dealing with advertising agencies as well as directly with the companies. In the US the advertising people have effectively missed the product placement boat, and, in this country, agencies are still smarting after the slow way they climbed on the sponsorship bandwagon. Many feel determined not to get caught out this time round.

Leading the field is Dorlands where Nick Farley, a director, is trying to sell the idea to his clients, which include Rover, whose new car Dorlands will be promoting. But he is determined not to go down the crude American route. He feels product placement there has been given a bad name by scatter-gun tactics which pay no attention to the precise placing of a product.

"The real value of placement", he says, "lies in product positioning. With ordinary advertising you can only say so much. With placement you can hint at what kind of product it is far more effectively. For example, you can always see cars, but placement says this is the kind of car driven by this kind of man."

Peter Finch, a director of Ayer Barker, has come out fiercely against the whole idea. Writing in *Campaign*, advertising's trade magazine, he said: "It represents a fundamental blurring of the distinction between advertising and editorial that compromises one of the basic strengths of our business. Advertising is founded on an essential honesty: we always acknowledge we're making a sale."

Finch wants agencies to make clear that they "will not compromise the integrity of the product even if film-makers can be tempted to compromise theirs". The implication is that placement comes perilously close to subliminal advertising.

The placement people do not see it that way. Their readiness to discuss the industry as a serious, respectable business reflects a certainty that the shadow of the back-lot backhander has long since gone.

But on one aspect of the business they all suddenly button up. What about television? "No comment", said Gottlieb. "No comment", said Pickering. "No comment", said Farley.

The reason is that large-scale product placement on television is the ultimate coup. A well-placed product can appear weekly, seen by millions at a time; a film which contains substantial product placement and then goes on to be shown on television has what is known in the business as "media roll-out". The attraction is that television producers cannot edit out products as they can sex and violence; equally, while television has clear guidelines over advertising for its producers, as yet there are no guidelines referring to feature films which are bought in. "Bought in programmes are not something we can control closely, but I don't think we have a serious problem yet", says Michael Bunce, head of BBC publicity.

Kovoloff's famous coup in this area was to persuade the kids in *Fame* to dance around carrying packets of Tide. But in Britain it is a sensitive subject: both the rules of the IBA and the BBC forbid undue prominence being given to commercial products. Both confirmed that they would reject any attempt by manufacturers to pay for placements.

But there are very grey areas. When Frank and Nesta Bough were sent on a driving tour round France for a BBC holiday programme, Ford were asked to provide a car. They supplied an Escort cabriolet from their press fleet. There was no payment. Sales of cabriolets can hardly have been hindered by several weeks of exposure in a perfect promotional setting with the implied endorsement of such a famous figure.

The BBC says the car was requested for logistical reasons. Bough and his wife were filming only at weekends so one car had to be kept in France all the time, it had to be soft-top, and so on. A fee was offered to Ford but refused.

Overall there is no question that agencies are angling to get on television and turn lucky opportunities like Ford's into a systematic business. Yet they know they cannot talk about it, for the only way into the existing channels is through the back door — any admission that it happens will force the IBA and the BBC to act.

However, enforcement is a big problem. With the proliferation of independent production companies and television and video material in general, who is to know when a product has been placed or when it just happens to be there? The demands of realism can hardly be met if all commercial products are kept out of shot.

Judging by the placement industry's expansion so far it seems clear that television is simply the next challenge. So watch for the odd product which just happens to get into shot. When the product placers are at work, nothing is there by accident.

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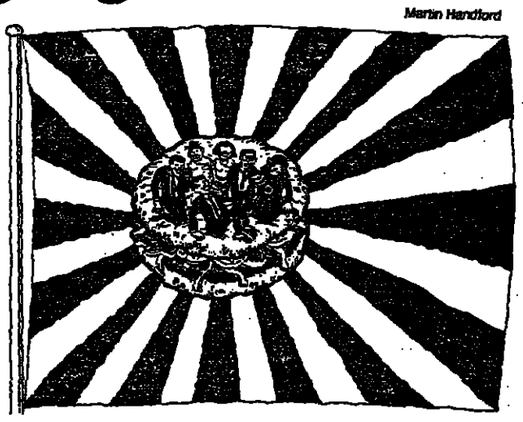
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Changing face of the East

The eastern cult for junk food may be having a remarkable effect on the health and appearance of Japan's youngsters

Martin Handford



Renowned as a nation of skilled imitators, Japan has now taken the art of the copycat to its ultimate: the Japanese face is becoming westernized. The transformation from the relatively round, proportionately large, high-cheekboned face to one that is smaller and more oval is occurring, according to epidemiologists in Tokyo, among younger Japanese as part of what must be one of the most rapid evolutionary changes of all time. The cause, they believe, is the rapid Americanization of the Japanese diet.

The unending international debate about diet and disease constantly focuses on Japan for proof or refutation of arguments, particularly about the link between dietary fat and heart disease. You do not need to stay long in Tokyo or any other Japanese city to see why. Dunkin Donuts, Baskin-Robbins ice-cream parlours, and other American fast-food establishments are on every corner.

The new food could hardly be more different from the traditional Japanese diet of rice, vegetables and fish, both raw and cooked. The young people who eat it do not need to chew nearly as much, and as a result their jaws are less developed. The shape of the face is changing accordingly, with the sort of associated dental problems and sinus troubles that worry westerners. There is even a discernable trend towards short-sightedness.

On the positive side, the youngare on average 4in taller than their parents. And in terms of longevity, Japan leads the world with life expectancy 74 years for men and 80 for women, three years longer than in Britain. Infant mortality is also the world's lowest.

But the nation that has shot from feudal backwardness to the world's second most powerful economy in less than a century could still pay a price for its affluence. Some nutritionists believe that a growing incidence of obesity means that Japan could enter the Guinness Book of Records on another count, as the first major nation to suffer a significant fall in key health indices such as longevity.

Toshiko Sunada, an adviser to the food and agriculture ministry, says: "The unwanted and unsightly problem of obesity is creeping on Japan. But how do you stop a megatrend?"

Japan's traditional diet is often linked with the country's low incidence of heart disease, but the experts are still at odds over this; they are not even sure whether heart disease is increasing. Meanwhile, there are other health problems.

For centuries, the main cause of natural death among Japanese was cerebrovascular stroke. It caused more deaths than cancer and heart disease combined. Strokes continue at a higher rate than in most countries, due perhaps to traditionally highly salted fish and fermented seasonings like soya sauce.

The same causes are attributed to the commonest malignancy, stomach cancer, possibly exacerbated by very hot drinks and squatting at meals, which impedes the flow of gastric juices. But western forms of cancer are taking over and clearly indict diet as a main cause.

According to a report by the Japan Dietetic Association all the main western "killer" diseases are coming to the fore. Cancer of the breast, liver and colon are appearing significantly for the first time and their increasing incidence parallels the rising consumption of meat and the growing use of animal rather than vegetable oils in cooking. Deaths from diabetes have trebled in 25 years.

Lung cancer has also doubled in a generation: the Japanese are heavy smokers and there are as yet no controls on cigarette advertising or tar content.

A health ministry expert on obsesity, Professor Haruo Nakamura, said that because cholesterol levels among Japanese under 25 are now even higher than those of a similar age in the United States, he is fearful about the future. "I am particularly concerned that heart disease will continue to increase", he said.

The authorities are trying hard to limit the trend. Whereas our own NHS employs only 1,000 dieticians, Japan, with twice the population, employs 50 times as many and has an additional 150,000 trained volunteers in the community.

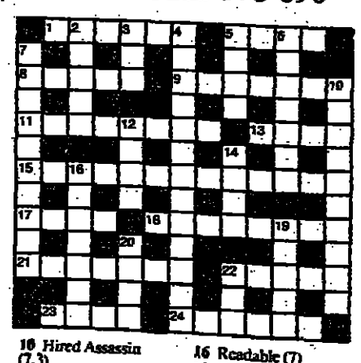
The problem is that it is very chic in Japan to follow western fashions. Women are wearing jeans, Mozart provides background music in lifts and there is an extensive equivalent of Franglais — Japglish? — which figures on shop fronts, posters and hoardings, magazines and, increasingly, in daily life.

It is more than a matter of fashion, however. Today's Japanese are such workaholics, and society values hard work so highly, that convenience foods are a godsend, in particular for working women. Traditional cuisine with its varied ingredients — 30 or 40 in a typical meal — is very time-consuming.

Until science establishes some cast-iron links between western diet and western disease, it seems unlikely that Japan will revert to rice, seaweed and shellfish.

David Loshak

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 890



ACROSS
1 Casual trousers (6)
5 Binding strip (4)
8 Respond (5)
9 Revival (7)
11 Brain membrane (8)
13 Joke (4)
15 Procedure check-up(6,7)
17 Barred enclosure (4)
18 Not curved (8)
21 Ban (7)
22 Eskimo coat (5)
23 Group (4)
24 Boil (6)

DOWN
2 Find out (5)
3 Gash (3)
4 Stealthy (13)
5 Underground (4)
6 Upstart (7)
7 At first sight (5,5)
10 Hired Assassin (7,3)
12 Corner (4)
14 Operatic song (4)
16 Readable (7)
19 Circumference (5)
20 Cart (4)
22 Pastry dish (3)

SOLUTION TO NO 889

Across: 1 Moped 4 Cabaret 8 Leads 9 Amnesia 10 Composer 11 Flee 13 Disgruntled 17 Ripe 18 Dramatic 21 Bonanza 22 Exude 23 Leeward 24 Eject

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FASHION by Suzy Menkes

The present tense of French dress

French fashion is centre stage in London this spring. Harrods is holding a six week long Gallic promotion. This morning, Princess Stephanie of Monaco unveils her swimsuit collection. French shop openings and designer launches both suggest that Paris is fashion's leader again. But do we insular British understand the language of their clothes? For those who have left the pen of their aunt in the schoolroom, here are some useful exercises – for intermediary and advanced fashion students as well as beginners.

PREMIÈRE LEÇON – FIRST LESSON
PRESENT TENSE OF FRENCH FASHION
Write out in full
(1) London likes French fashion
(2) Is Paris making a come-back ?
(3) Yves does not find Karl sympathetic
(4) Princess Stephanie designs sexy swimsuits

DEUXIÈME LEÇON – SECOND LESSON
REGULAR AND IRREGULAR COMMENTS
Decline
(1) I (the Fashion Editor) admire French fashion
(2) You (familiar) are too fat to wear it
(3) She (Princess Stephanie) is in the Pool Position
(4) Are we (the British) dressing with French polish ?
(5) You (plural) are going shopping
(6) They (the French) are making millions of francs

TROISIÈME LEÇON – THIRD LESSON
USEFUL FASHION PHRASES
A. What do you understand by the following terms ?
Chic - entente cordiale - nouvelle vague - louche - enfant terrible
B. Choosing one of the above, complete the sentences below
(1) Jean Paul Gaultier is the ..... of French fashion
(2) This YSL suit is the height of Parisian .....
(3) Lolita Lempicka is a young French designer of the .....
(4) How deliciously ..... is French lingerie!
(5) In-store French promotions cement the .....

QUATRIÈME LEÇON – FOURTH LESSON
FRENCH FASHION: PAST, IMPERFECT, FUTURE
Repeat with French accent
(1) Skirts will be short, tight and sexy this spring
(2) Givenchy dressed Audrey Hepburn in *Breakfast at Tiffanys.*
(3) Was French fashion losing its way in the swinging Sixties ?
(4) Chanel opens a new shop in Sloane Street in April
(5) Have you lost your waistline ?
(6) Harrods will hold French fashion shows all this week

CINQUIÈME LEÇON – FIFTH LESSON
A. SUBJUNCTIVE
(1) Coco would love Karl's collection, as it is in her spirit
(2) French fashion should score, now the body is back
(3) If you want fit, Alaia is your man
B. IMPERATIVE
(1) Buy French!
(2) Remember the Italians!
(3) We must not forget British Fashion Week in March !

SIXIÈME LEÇON – SIXTH LESSON
POSSESSIVES
Using the picture (below) as a guide, put into French
(1) Prince Rainier's younger daughter
(2) The decline of the bra
(3) Stephanie's design partner, Alix de la Comble
(4) A Princess of the 1980s









Above: the essential Parisian silhouette for a mock-couture fine wool dress in grey with white piqué collar and askew bow tie. By Odile Lançon, £185 from Harrods Younger Set designer room. Cream felt bowler hat £19, bow trim black and white leather gloves, £44.95, both from Harrods, Knightsbridge, SW1. Black leather pumps, £39.99, from Hobbs, South Molton Street, W1 and branches. Tights by Charnos.

Top right: the new Chanel. Safari beige gaberdine coat dress with lightly padded raglan shoulders, contrasting black lapels and cinching gilt-buckled belt, £525. Gilt chain belts and sunburst earrings from a selection, all at Chanel Boutique, 26 Old Bond Street, W1.

Right: fine French tailoring for Yves Saint Laurent's white grosgrain fitted jacket and slim skirt, for YSL Variation, £360 from Harrods International Room. Chimney pot hat by J Barthet, £185. White kid gloves with embroidered flowers, £59. Geometric coral crystal earrings and necklace from Yves Saint Laurent collection at Harrods, Knightsbridge, SW1.

Make-up: Ruth Sheldon using pinks and oranges from Les Croisières collection by CHANEL.
Hair: Guido for Tony and Guy.

Photographs by NICK BRIGGS taken at The Criterion Brasserie, Piccadilly

Has *Spitting Image* got it right? Its vision of Mrs Thatcher as a dominating figure imprisoned in pin-stripes may be prescient rather than vicious. For the image-makers still believe that it is a businessman's world.

Last week Austin Reed unveiled a programme to persuade male and female executives to dress for success.

"Looking the Part" is a 12-minute video emphasizing power dressing: the quality of the cloth, the importance of fit and the way to pick a shirt to suit. Women are allowed a little controlled fantasy with colour (her male colleague plays with his tie pattern).

BUSINESS (MEN) AS USUAL

The boardroom reality, according to Austin Reed's retail managing director, Peter Reed, is classic tailoring. Fashion as I understand it – the subtle changes of shape, cut and fit – simply passes the boss class by.

Fashion has certainly failed to make its mark on *Business*, a new magazine launched last week jointly by Condé Nast, the *Financial Times* and Kevin Kelly of the *World of Interiors*.

It is aimed at the pin-striped heart of the market, with picture spreads on football, Hong Kong high flyers, and the grounding of the glorious grouse.

British publishers have often flirted with a men's style magazine on the lines of the American GQ. In *Business*, not even a macho spread on watches interferes with the flow of company profiles.

I expect that the magazine will be a huge success. After all, real men probably care about making money, making women and making an impression in that order.

They certainly don't wear skirts. Maybe it's time that women execs aped that too.

★THE NEW POWER OF FASHION
Milan: all the clothes fit to print
Charismatic Paris Ice-cool in London
★STYLE CRISIS IN THE STREETS
Peter York on machine-made youth
★WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SHOCKER
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Traditionally, Clothkits' fabric clothes come in kit form and are simple enough for even inexperienced sewers to make. However, their catalogue now includes skirts and shirts ready-to-wear in their distinctive prints, so you don't have to be able to sew to wear the eyecatching designs.
All the co-ordinating knitwear comes ready-made in the same unusual colourways, together with accessories for a complete look.
Clothkits produce a colour catalogue twice a year and many of their customers buy by mail order, both in the United Kingdom and overseas. Their shops are in Lewes, Oxford, Guildford, Bath, Winchester and Covent Garden and more are opening.
All the shops stock the current range and also extra lines not available by mail order. In addition they offer a selection of their kit clothes ready-made for personal shoppers.

THE TIMES DIARY

A touch of Feydough

Don't laugh, but former farceur Brian Rix has been asked to become chairman of the Arts Council's drama panel. The secretary-general of Mencap, famous for dropping his trousers on stage, could soon be in charge of £12 million of theatre grants – quite a jump from wowing audiences with shows like *Let Sleeping Wives Lie* and *Reluctant Heroes*. Far from decrying the likely appointment as "suburbanite," panel members who resigned last year over grant cuts welcomed the news. One, playwright Olwen Wymark, told me: "It would be tremendous. Brian is a vigorous campaigner – he has done a great job at Mencap – and I'm sure he would be prepared to fight for cash." Although no mention of Rix was made at last Wednesday's meeting of the Arts Council, I understand that the approach to fill the vacancy, arising from the resignation in November of RSC actor Tony Church, has been made by the Arts Council secretary general, Luke Rittner.

● **Pinned on Coventry railway station is the sign: "Ladies' toilet out of order. Please use no 1 Platform."**

No Scruton

Ray Honeyford may have resigned but the bitterness continues. Roger Scruton was due to speak at Leeds Civic Hall tomorrow, as part of a liberal-minded gesture by the city council's peace and emergency planning committee to invite speakers both for and against its nuclear policies. The council has now withdrawn the invitation, however. Scruton edits *The Salisbury Review*, the journal in which Honeyford's controversial article about education and race appeared. Such is the legacy of bitterness over the Honeyford affair, the council could not guarantee his safety inside the public meeting. A Sheffield Tory councillor will instead make the case against peace studies in schools.

BARRY FANTONI



'Just long enough to find parking space at the supermarket'

High-level leaks

Is there something about American nuclear power stations that Washington doesn't know but British Airways does? A BA spokesman confirmed yesterday that solar radioactivity meters on Concorde flights had been triggered off while flying over the Eastern USA – apparently by leaks from power stations. He could not give details, he said, because no records were kept. He emphasized, however, that passengers and crew were in no danger. The British Air Lines Pilots' Association (Balpa) said meters were intended to measure radioactivity from the sun, which emitted "quite acceptable" levels of radiation at high altitude. A claim last month that aircraft meters had recorded emissions from Aldermaston weapons research institute was not confirmed by British Airways.

No morals

Talking of censorship, a reader refers me to the new biography of Robert Graves by Martin Seymour-Smith. After being sent a copy of *Count Belisarius* by Graves, Sir Winston Churchill wrote back, concluding: "I delighted also in the theological discussion which blend so amusingly with the easy morals." Graves later wrote to Sir Winston asking if he could use the letter as the foreword to promote his book: Sir Winston replied he had no objection – provided Graves omitted the paragraph mentioning "easy morals".

● **A football match between MPs and House of Commons staff at the weekend had to be cancelled. Lambeth council's all-weather pitch was unplayable – because of the weather.**

Dishing up

Professor Alan Peacock, chairman of the inquiry into BBC financing, is taking his box-watching duties seriously. He is now tuning into Italian and German news programmes and an occasional Dutch film, picked up by a 5 ft diameter satellite TV dish temporarily installed in the garden of his Edinburgh home.

PHS

Diana Geddes outlines the likely tensions between president and prime minister if the right wins the French general election

Clinging on to power – if he can



Paris

One of the more dramatic effects of a right-wing victory in the French general election on March 16 would be a significant weakening of the man who now enjoys more power than any other leader in the western world: President Francois Mitterrand.

The French president's power, according to one senior western diplomat, "is out of all comparison with that of the US president, let alone that of the British prime minister, and indeed is equal to that of the first secretary of the Soviet Communist Party. In so far as he has control of the majority in parliament, he can do virtually whatever he wishes. He has only to snap his fingers and his orders are carried out. The whole of France lives in awe of the president."

Ever since the founding of a truly presidential regime in France under the Fifth Republic in 1958, successive presidents, starting with General de Gaulle, have taken more and more power into their own hands.

In opposition, Mitterrand severely criticized the anti-democratic institutions of the Fifth Republic and condemned what he described as de Gaulle's *coup d'etat permanent*. But once in power, the first socialist president of France in 27 years donned the monarch's robe, adapting the institutions to his own use and increasing still further the president's powers.

Under Article 20 of the constitution, the prime minister is supposed to "determine and carry out the policy of the nation". But never more than under Mitterrand have the government and parliament become a mere rubber stamp.

Mitterrand alone decided to put up the much-contested glass pyramid in front of the Louvre; to welcome General Jaruzelski to Paris; to bomb the Libyan-controlled airstrip in northern Chad; to abandon the bill to reform the private, predominantly Roman Catholic school system; to give the concession for France's first private television channel to the controversial Seydoux-Berlusconi team. Sometimes he informed his prime minister in advance; sometimes he did not bother.

The degree to which the president controls the life of the nation is reflected in the extraordinary way everything seems to come to a full stop when he goes on foreign trips. In a recent book, *La Vie quotidienne à Matignon*, Thierry Pfister, chief aide to Pierre Mauroy when he was prime minister, gives a clear picture of the way Mitterrand acts as the central axis around which government revolves.

Everything flows into, and out of, the Elysée Palace. If a minister wants to take some initiative he seeks an audience with the relevant presidential aide rather than with the prime minister.

"Everyone goes in fear of Mitterrand. It is not a good thing for democracy," one close friend said. Mitterrand is by nature a proud, autocratic man who hates to be crossed and who has always expected his followers to pay him court. Few are those who are permitted to use the familiar *tu* in conversation with him.

Catherine Nay, in her best-selling biography of Mitterrand, *Le Noir et le Rouge*, quotes André Rousselet, another intimate friend and now head of the Havas advertising agency, as saying that after Mitterrand's election in 1981, nothing changed for his immediate entourage. "For us, he had always been the president."

All Mitterrand's friends comment on his evident love of the exercise of power. "He is not a man to want to share power, nor a man to give it up without a hard fight," one said. "So even if the Socialists suffered a really severe defeat on March 16, it is unlikely he would resign on the night of the elections. He's a fighter and will still try to cling to power." The mainspring of that power, however – his control of the majority in parliament and therefore of the government – will have been removed.

Commenting recently on the possibility of a right-wing victory, Mitterrand said: "Depending on the results, my role could change, but my function, duties and rights will remain the same, whatever happens." However, that function and those rights and duties are not clearly defined.

The ambiguous terms in which the constitution sets out the president's powers have never been tested. It appears to allow two very different readings, one giving the upper hand to the president, the other giving control of the nation's affairs to the prime minister and parliament. Until now, the presidential reading has held sway, but it is likely to be a different matter when he is faced by a hostile majority in parliament.

As Charles Pasqua, leader of the Gaullist RPR Group in the senate, commented last week: "If Mitterrand wants to stay, that's his problem. We will accept it because we respect the constitution ... but it is he who holds the purse-strings who governs. It is the government that prepares the budget, not the president. It is parliament that votes it, not the president. The only funds he has at his disposal are those required for running the Elysée. One cannot carry out a major political programme with that."

Ministers will no longer run to the Elysée once they realize that the Matignon, the prime minister's office, controls the funds they need for their pet projects. Mitterrand will no longer be able to snap his fingers to get the minister of the interior to lay on extra police for a Jaruzelski visit.

Under the constitution, the president has the right to appoint the prime minister but can get rid of him only by forcing him to offer his resignation and that of his government. In the past, when the prime minister depended on the president's patronage, that was a relatively simple matter. But it will not be so easy if the prime minister derives his authority from a parliamentary majority opposed to the president.

Some opposition leaders, including ex-president Giscard d'Estaing, maintain that in such circumstances the president would be deprived of all decision-making and executive power, save that of dissolving parliament and pressing the nuclear button. But since the elected president is traditionally seen as the embodiment of the will of the people, Mitterrand will retain a certain power and influence.

He will naturally play on the prestige of his office to the fullest possible extent. He has no intention of turning himself into a constitutional monarch, passing his time in "inaugurating chrysanthemum shows", as de Gaulle said of the figurehead presidents of the Third and Fourth Republics. Neither does he mean to retire to a château outside Paris to serve out the final two years of his mandate in stately solitude, as Giscard said he would when confronted by the possibility of a hostile parliamentary majority before the 1978 elections. "I will not remain inert," Mitterrand has said.

However, the opposition parties have made it equally clear that they will not deprive themselves of one iota of the power which they insist will rightfully be theirs once they get their majority. Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist RPR leader and most likely to be the next prime minister, said last week that Mitterrand must give a clear undertaking that he will allow a new right-wing government to introduce in full, "without compromise or concession", the programme on which it was elected before any opposition leader would agree to become prime minister.

As for foreign policy issues, which have been regarded under the Fifth Republic as the president's special preserve, Chirac has said these would be a matter for the new right-wing prime minister to decide "because he will have both the means and the control". He saw no reason why both the prime minister and the president should not represent France at international summits. Mitterrand once said it would be the equivalent of a coup d'état if the opposition sought to take foreign policy from him, though more recently he has accepted that it is a divided responsibility.

Given the apparently contradictory positions of Mitterrand and the opposition on a division of power, it is difficult to see how "cohabitation" could be peaceful.

However, Mitterrand and Chirac – if he is the next prime minister – will both have a vested interest in making cohabitation at least appear to work. Mitterrand has no desire to go down in history as the first Fifth Republic president to be forced to resign (de Gaulle went voluntarily) and Chirac wants to use the power and prestige of the prime minister's office to enhance his own standing in the contest against Raymond Barre, his chief rival on the right, for the 1988 presidential election.

Neither wants to give Barre the credit and satisfaction of having his own predictions of political chaos and paralysis under "cohabitation" proved right. So there will have to be more give and take than either is now willing to admit.

"We shall not give our fellow citizens the spectacle of a France which has suddenly become ungovernable," Chirac said in a little-noticed campaign speech in Bourg-en-Bresse a month ago. "We shall not give the nations abroad the spectacle of a country which does not know how to accept a change of government."

But how could Mitterrand ever agree to sign some of the legislation likely to be passed by a new right-wing majority in parliament, it is asked? Well, what, precisely? There is little in the opposition's remarkably moderate election manifesto that Mitterrand should have too much trouble swallowing. He has already said he does not regard nationalization as a panacea. He is unlikely to object too strongly to the right's promise to return to a majority-voting electoral system – he has always said he considers a regular change of voting system good for a country. Something like the reintroduction of the death penalty would be a sticking point, but that is unlikely because Chirac and a number of other opposition leaders are opposed to it.

So there does not need to be a head-on clash, provided neither side wants one. "Mitterrand does not want a cohabitation of conflict," a Gaullist friend said. "He is flexible; he will be willing to accept many things. But he must not be humiliated, otherwise he is liable to turn nasty." So Mitterrand must be left with at least the semblance of power.

In a television interview on Sunday, Mitterrand hinted for the first time that he might resign if robbed of too much power: "I would prefer to renounce my office than renounce the powers of my office ... There is no question of my becoming a cut-price president." But his comments may have been designed more to frighten traditionalist voters rather than as a genuine threat. Earlier in the interview he again declared that he intended to serve out his full seven-year term and warned of a "certain disorder and difficulties" if the election resulted in a right-wing majority.

If the right does win, most of Mitterrand's real powers are likely to seep away. But, come 1988, the new president will probably resume control of the majority in parliament and become once again the most powerful man in the western world.

Digby Anderson

Give the law a day off too

Sunday shop-opening is a straightforward matter for two groups. Illiberal Christians are against permitting consenting adults to buy and sell what they wish on Sundays and want them punished with the full force of the law. Non-Christian liberals, who would minimize government regulation, wholeheartedly support the Shops Bill. But what should Christians who are *also* of a liberal disposition do?

Their conclusions will turn on their view not so much of Sunday trading as of the law. But first they will listen carefully to the arguments of their church leaders. These are not (and I am concerned throughout with the Church of England) in general derived from sabbatarianism. They are not about church attendance: few fear that committed Christians will be unable to attend a church. Nor is the main issue shopworkers' "rights": the bishops were criticized by the Labour Party for not supporting such "rights".

Anyway, the well-informed liberal knows that the rights of those who wish not to work have to be weighed against the rights of those who do and consumers who pay both. He also knows that Sunday shops often employ a separate labour force, and that stores report a queue of applicants wanting to escape the "rights" which the unrepresentative Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers would have imposed.

No, the church leaders have two points. The minor one is that, as the petitions show, activist church members are strongly against Sunday shopping. The Christian liberal will balance that against the polls which persistently show the larger non-church population for it. The major point is that Sunday ought to remain "special".

If "special" means "not like the other six days of the week", he will be reassured to learn that freer Sunday shopping elsewhere, in Scotland or Sweden, has not turned Sunday into "another Saturday". But it is not clear what "special" means. The Bishop of Birmingham talks of the "rhythm" of work and rest, which sounds nice enough but contains the questionable notion that all the population should be commanded by the state to have the same rhythm and, if off-beat enough to choose their own, be punished by fine or imprisonment.

And is the present British Sunday a "day of rest"? "Rest", like rhythm, sounds nice. It has biblical associations and suggests deserved tranquillity, requiem. But might not "lounging in bed", "sleeping off last night's excesses", "dozing fitfully after too much beef and yellow sprouts both even more over-cooked than intended because of father's late return from the Red Lion", "watching pornographic videos" or "rowing with the children, who are bored" be more accurate descriptions of many Sundays?

Another word used like "rest" rhetorically to sanctify a largely secular argument, and thus make it the church's concern, is "family". Sunday is a family day. But it will not have escaped the liberal's Christian notice that buying or even selling, for example, tinned baby food on Sunday is not the main threat to the family.

For 25 years, it has been subverted by more permissive attitudes to and tax-funded subsidies for abortion, divorce, sex outside marriage and its consequences and perversion. Against none of these has the Church of England mounted the same unanimous attack as it has on the comparatively trivial issue of Sunday shopping.

And what Sunday are the church leaders *for*? They admit the present legislation is muddled and then propose new muddles for old. A bishop for whom I have had total respect actually proposed that while ordinary shops be restricted, shops on religious premises be free to sell whatsoever they wish.

Others propose this be sold and not that, this size shop open but not that, "small" shops with turnover below £x be open but not those above. How would officers enforce such Byzantine regulations? Such unenforceable law is not only bad itself: it brings the law generally into disrepute and erodes law-abiding habits.

For in the end the controversy is about the proper and discriminate use of law. Modern society relies too much on more and more laws to solve its problems: there are now 3,100 general public acts in force plus 13,000 general statutory instruments.

Yet old, even archaic laws are rarely repealed, though many would never now be passed as new laws. Would any of those pleading for the retention of the Sunday laws be rash enough to advocate them as new laws? How many would support them if they did?

We might learn here from the humble university librarian. Faced with reduced budgets, he makes any order for a new journal conditional on the proposer indicating an existing journal for discontinuation. Had such a system operated for politicians proposing legislation, the laws prohibiting Sunday shopping would have gone long ago.

Even if the Christian liberal prefers his Sunday to remain as it is, and other people's to remain as he wistfully imagines them to be, he will understand that in this case it is inappropriate, even harmful, to use the full majesty of the law to impose his preference. But then, how many other Christian liberals are there today?

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***moreover* . . . Miles Kington**

No rest from the baize haze

And welcome to tonight's snooker special, which comes from the Dylan Thomas Memorial Hall in Cardiff, or perhaps it's the Robin Hood Stadium in Nottingham, or it could be the Arthur Scargill Assembly Rooms in Doncaster – or maybe Newcastle – anyway it's a *very* important snooker tournament, because whoever wins this contest will surely be in line to be favourite for the Washing Up Powder Championship which begins next week in Sheffield, or do I mean the Frilly Bow-Tie Premier Title which starts early tomorrow morning in Hong Kong? Dick?

Thank you, Brian, and you join us at a very crucial moment, because we are just moving towards the quarter-final stage of the D. H. Lawrence Centenary Snooker Cup here at the Crucifix in Nottingham, with Willie Cook leading Steve Cook by five frames to two. You have to remember that each round is the best of 57 frames, so either man can win, Brian?

Thanks, Dick. To get to this round, Willie Cook had to beat Eddie Cook, the enormous Canadian, and Steve Cook had to edge out Alun ap Cook, the wily Welshman, and my goodness what a tussle that was, as you'll know if you stayed up until two o'clock this morning. It all went to the final black on the 57th frame, and I don't suppose we shall see a better game of snooker unless we stay up until two o'clock tonight, Dick?

As you say, Brian, this is snooker at its very best, which is what we always expect from the Plastic Flower Display Tournament here at Grantham, or Peterborough, at any rate it's somewhere on the A1, personally I find it very hard to tell one snooker game from another these days, but one thing's certain, you join us at a very crucial moment, Brian?

What's that, Dick?

Crucial moment, Brian.

Oh, that's right, Dick, because as you join us here at the quarter-final stage of the Crucial Moment Cup, Willie Cook must get the pink to stay in this frame, and if he doesn't, Steve Cook will be right back in the game. Both men have shown exceptional courage to stick with it this far, and the same goes for us, would you agree with that, Dick?

I certainly would, Brian, because personally I haven't the faintest idea what's going on, sometimes I wake up and think to myself, wouldn't it be nice to have a day without snooker, I mean for instance I think this is the Stripey Waistcoat World Championship here at the Government Warning Hall in Leeds, and that's Terry "Whirlwind" Cook trying to get back on the blue with a dangerous cushion shot, but I could be totally mistaken, Dick?

No, I'm Brian.

Right, Brian?

And Cook *has* to get this yellow down, because otherwise it will mean snookers. Of course, this isn't happening now, it's happening much earlier in the evening, and we already know which of these two men won, but we have to keep it a secret, otherwise you wouldn't even switch on to watch. Willie Cook, remember, is wearing the tight waistcoat, and Steve Cook is wearing the full swathed ball-gown in tulle. Dick?

Thank you, Brian, and now Willie is going for a very difficult double off the back cushion ... and there he goes! He hurtles down through the air, twisting as he goes, a jack-knife and a double somersault, then he hits the water! Oh my goodness, an absolutely stunning entry ... or should I say that he cannoned off the pink and messed up the whole shot? Brian?

What I think we have to remember at this stage is that this is the 23rd major tournament these men have faced this week, so it's not surprising that they're a little tired. Willie Cook is now getting into his pyjamas prior to his next shot, but let's remember that he has to play an exhibition match in Hong Kong tonight and be back for tomorrow's session. It must be a terrible strain playing non-stop snooker – what's really amazing is that anyone is still watching it, Dick?

And the crowd has gone absolutely mad!

Has it?

Yes. They're still here. Any sane crowd would be home in bed by now. And so with the score at 15½ frames each, it's good night from the Trelford Challenge Cup here at the Old Bus Shelter, Worthing, or somewhere like that.

Slabbert resignation: Michael Hornsby on the questions that remain unanswered

Mediator or collaborator?

Johannesburg

Dr Frederik Van Zyl Slabbert, the former leader of the official white opposition in South Africa, caused a furore in liberal circles here when he abruptly quit parliament on February 7, declaring that parliamentary politics had become "a grotesque ritual of irrelevance" incapable of bringing apartheid to an end.

On leaving parliament, in which he had led the staunchly anti-apartheid Progressive Federal Party (PFP) since 1979, Slabbert declared that he intended henceforth to pursue what he called "the politics of negotiation" outside, from where he believes the main pressures for change will now come.

For many liberals, his decision was a cruel blow. In effect, their former leader was telling them that they had been wasting their time. PFP veterans such as Helen Suzman, who weathered 13 long years as the sole anti-apartheid voice on the opposition benches during the Verwoerd and Vorster periods, felt betrayed and told him so. He was widely accused of lacking staying power and of an act of gross self-indulgence.

Stanley Uys, the noted liberal commentator and fellow Afrikaner, described Slabbert's resignation as "incomprehensible". No one, he said, had been in a better position in opposition to break the mould of white politics. "Yet just when his labours over twelve years were beginning to bear fruit, he packed it in".

The opposite view is argued by Allister Sparks, former editor of the now defunct *Rand Daily Mail*, who wrote recently that by resigning from parliament Slabbert had "placed himself in a unique position to be a potential future mediator as the seemingly unavoidable confrontation between African and Afrikaner nationalisms intensifies".

What this view argues, in essence, is that Slabbert has accurately detected a fundamental shift in the balance of power from parliamentary to extra-parliamentary politics, and has shrewdly invested in the future. It can only be a matter of time, it is suggested, before the government is forced to negotiate with such groups as the outlawed African National Congress (ANC), and the former PFP leader, with his impeccable Afrikaner and liberal credentials, will then be available as the obvious go-between.

But is such a role feasible, or is it just another South African liberal pipe-dream? It is true that Slabbert's resignation has boosted his credibility among many blacks, but a mediating role would only have meaning if Pretoria was prepared to negotiate with the ANC on a transfer of political power, and that day is still a long way off.

Slabbert's potential as a mediator has also been seriously compromised by President P. W. Botha's decision to publish the transcript of a confidential conversation held between the two men on November 25 last year which, unknown to Slabbert, was being tape-recorded. The president made the conversation public after Slabbert had claimed that the obduracy of Botha's views, as expressed during their meeting, had been a material factor in hardening his resolve to leave parliament. He said their talk had left him deeply depressed and convinced that Botha would never abandon his view that legally defined racial groups, and the preservation of a large measure of white control, must remain the basis of the South African political system.

The transcript of the conversation largely confirms this assessment and makes salutary reading for anyone who still believes that the president has some "hidden agenda" of reform which he cannot disclose for fear of arousing the ire of white right-wingers. There is, in fact, no difference between the public and the private Botha. At the same time, however, Slabbert does not emerge at all well from the conversation. As one commentator put it: "After several careful readings, I find it hard to believe that this was an opposition leader talking to the head of government with anything other than the offer of close co-operation in mind". Another wrote: "A black radical might be forgiven for saying, 'Look how close those two Boers came to ganging up together'."

At one point in their conversation, Slabbert tells Botha that the ANC can be defeated and offers to advise him on how to "draw its teeth". He also suggests that the ANC is "a myth" and "a romantic picture" which exists largely in the minds of people overseas. One wonders how this will go down in Lusaka where only a week or two earlier the ANC had praised Slabbert's decision to quit parliament as "heroic". (Slabbert met ANC leaders while in London and reportedly apologized for his remarks, saying they had to be understood "in context".)

Slabbert and Botha are also shown agreeing with each other that the ANC and Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, leader of the rival Zulu-dominated Inkatha movement, both want to be "the only bull in the kraal". Chief Buthelezi has since replied waspishly by saying that they sounded like two white bosses discussing their problems with "a difficult, uppity Kaffir". Elsewhere, Slabbert tells Botha that he found the ANC leaders he had met far more reasonable and less radical than the "swartetjies" (Afrikaans for "little blacks") at home, a reference to the militant youth in South Africa's black townships. This may be no more than a statement of the truth, but the choice of word has a distinctly patronizing ring.

It may be that Slabbert was simply using language and concepts which Botha would be likely to understand in an attempt to establish areas of agreement that could later be exploited. A less charitable interpretation is that Slabbert's resignation was motivated mainly by pique that he was not taken into Botha's confidence more fully.

Either way, the general feeling here is that Slabbert still has some explaining to do, both to his fellow white liberals whom he left in the lurch and to the extra-parliamentary groups with whom he apparently hopes to co-operate in future.

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EDUCATION'S CONSUMERS

It is ten years since Mr James Callaghan inaugurated at Ruskin College, Oxford a "great debate" about education. His point was simple, and damning. Schools – and colleges – had forgotten who paid the bills. Pupils and students were ill-equipped for work. Their training, formal qualifications and attitudes were wrong. Mrs Thatcher's rediscovery of education policy when she spoke at the Conservatives' local government conference at the weekend was a restatement, in different terms, of Mr Callaghan's thesis: that education was too much the business of producers, too little the concern of consumers.

So far so good. Any effort to direct the public's attention to the state of the schools and colleges must be welcome. Yet in a decade a great deal has changed. Attitudes have shifted, not far enough perhaps, but in higher education as well as in the schools there are glimmerings of a new spirit of positive approval of wealth generation.

Surprising though it may seem to some, Mrs Thatcher's government has presided over a massive expansion of State involvement in the processes of gaining and renewing skills, especially the Youth Training Scheme of the Manpower Services Commission. The MSC may or may not be consistent with the Government's broader philosophy. It has undeniably been an effective instrument of public purpose.

The MSC's growth has in fact been a primary response to the concerns expressed in Mr Callaghan's speech, and it ought to figure centrally in the policy discussions that ought now to follow Mrs Thatcher's concern. For the proper development of the MSC could represent an end to the anachronistic separation of education and training, vocational skill and academic achievement.

The MSC has begun to redirect the attention of policy-makers, employers and parents to what is arguably the most important sector of educational provision in this country - and that is neither the universities, nor the inner city comprehensives nor the public schools. It is the sector that goes under the initials FE, further education, a diverse array of colleges, providing an infinity of applied courses for pupils, young workers and adults.

These colleges have grown up higgledy piggledy. They have grown up responsive, often linked in the most intimate way with local employer's and students' aspirations. This is the sector, providing technical, vocational and intermediate qualifications, in which the West Germans and the Americans outproduce Great Britain. This is the sector providing their skilled workforces.

FE lacks glamour. Technical colleges lack political sex-appeal. But they are the basis of any educational policy addressed to the terms of that unconcluded great debate.

Here ought to be the beginning of the review of policy that is apparently now being undertaken. Suggestions about marrying the administration of education and training are entirely apposite. The lines of fresh policy thought should encompass the future of the Technical and Vocational Education Initiative, courses for the 40 per cent of 16 year olds who still leave school without any qualification to their names. The think-tankers should examine the suggestion that children might leave formal schooling at the age of 14, provided they then followed a mixed sequence of education and training, work experience and college lasting for years - perhaps right into adulthood. These are fit concerns for such a review.

Mrs Thatcher is evidently attracted to making education a centre piece of social policy, and not before time. But she is equally attracted by shibboleths. Vouchers are one of these. Maximizing parental energy and enthusiasm in education is a fine aim. There should always have been much more room for practical, local experiment.

But advocates of vouchers assume that parents are the sole consumers of education, a full proxy for employers and all those who receive and live with the products of the schools. They are not. The educational question is, as Mr Callaghan dimly perceived a decade ago, the better alignment of classroom and workplace for the large number of lower and middle ability children now ill served by the schools. There is much to be done, and in the MSC the government has a powerful tool. Mrs Thatcher must not allow the debate to be distracted by the important but at this stage peripheral issue of mechanisms of middle class parents' choice of school.

SWEDISH REALISM

The assassination of Olof Palme and the manner in which he died, walking home from a night at the cinema, is bound to affect the political life of Sweden and the sense of security which its people enjoy. But to pretend as many commentators have in recent days, that it has brought the country face to face with reality after it has hidden for so long from the outside world, is to do an injustice, not least to the memory of its late prime minister.

Sweden's neutrality stems from an awareness of the outside world, not from ignorance. There is an anecdotal joke in Stockholm about a general who is asked by a journalist where he thinks the main threat to Sweden might arise. "From the East" he promptly replies. His interviewer, conscious of the country's middle course, tries again. "Do you not think" he persists "that it might also come from the West?" The general ponders this awhile, then says: "Well, yes - I suppose if the Russians came around our flanks, it could come from the West as well."

To this extent there is little doubt where their ultimate sympathies lie. If they ever doubted it the series of incursions by Soviet submarines in the waters around Sweden's defence installations, should have now settled the argument in most people's minds. Palme himself was under criticism from the right for muting his protests to Moscow. In fact neither political wing has ever complained as vigorously as the Russians deserved. But to most Swedish people this reflects a sense of reality, not an over-indulgent leaning towards Big Brother

Nor are Swedish people isolated from the rest of the world as is commonly supposed. About one in eight passers by on any Stockholm thoroughfare is now likely to have been born abroad - admittedly a high proportion of them in Finland. A generous immigration policy operated by left and right has brought around 30 minority comunities to Sweden, ubcluding some 40,000 Yugoslavs, more than 30,000 from Latin America, several thousand from Iran and as many as 17,000 Turks.

This even-handed benevolence has brought its problems. Many of the 25,000 or so immigrants a year have imported their politics with them. The murder of the Yugoslav ambassador seven years ago and acts of violence, interspersed with still more disturbing threats, by refugees from elsewhere, notably the Middle East, have made even the Swedes uneasy. Many of these now fear that the murder of Palme - the inspiration of these immigration policies - will lead to a backlash against them.

Palme led his country into a position of strong disagreement with the United States over the Vietnam War and there have been other occasions on which the Stockholm government has seemed to wear its heart on its sleeve. It might be a temptation - but would certainly be a mistake - for Sweden to enshrine its international conscience as a kind of memorial to the man who has best represented it overseas. Equally it would be a mistake for Swedes to opt out of the international scene following the loss of their one political leader who was known to the world South of the Baltic.

WELCOME TO *TODAY*

Democracies flourish by the forthright and open discussion of policies and events which affect their citizens' lives. Informed discussion requires accurate information. Both have to be presented in a wide variety of styles and forms in order to communicate as widely as possible. This requires the maximum number of newspapers that readers are prepared to buy and sustain.

The first issue of *Today*, Mr Eddie Shah's colour tabloid newspaper, which is published this morning, is therefore to be welcomed. It will add to readers' choices. The maximum genuine competition must be as good for newspapers generally as it is for any other product.

In this particular case, however, there are other reasons for what has traditionally been called Fleet Street to acknowledge Mr Shah's initiative. For in his long, difficult and ultimately successful battle (both in the courts and facing massed pickets in Warrington) to defend his Stockport Messenger from trade union attacks, Mr Shah was one important catalyst in helping to bring about the changes which are now beginning to take place in the structure and practices of British national newspapers.

Despite the albatross of destructive union practices, which has for so long been hung round the neck of this industry, British readers are fortunate, compared with their counterparts overseas, in the choice of national newspapers they enjoy. But they could have been luckier still had the industry been free to develop as it could have done with evolving technology.

Unfortunately the print unions have long given overriding priority to what they saw as the preservation of existing jobs, even when these were non-jobs, or only fractions of real jobs. The result has been to prevent the industry from expanding on a modern basis.

That unhappy picture is beginning to change. The technological revolution on which The Times, for instance, has embarked should have taken place ten years ago, but at least it is happening now. As a result, much less now stands between the journalists and their readers, who will generally have a greater opportunity to judge newspapers by the quality of their writers' work.

The promise of a greater choice from among more newspapers renews hope for the eventual creation of new jobs, founded on a genuine economic basis rather than on the Luddite methods which are always, in the end, bound to fail. The industry and its readers should applaud the arrival of Mr Shah in London, and the lesson he learned the hard way in Warrington.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Disposing of nuclear waste

From Mr S.R. Tromans

Sir, It must now be apparent that the disposal of nuclear waste is likely to pose intractable problems for British governments for the rest of the century and beyond. After a resting place has been found for the relatively short-lived and low-level wastes, the time will come when attention to the longer-lived and heat-generating wastes now in storage will no longer be capable of postponement.

The decision to carry out investigations into the physical characteristics of potential sites for disposal is therefore to be welcomed. What is needed at this stage is the maximum information, with which the various disposal options can be weighed and tested. However, simultaneous hints of future rate rebates or the provision of social facilities for those living close to the site eventually chosen can only give rise to suspicion that we are witnessing, not the impartial gathering of information but the digging of foundations for the implementation of pre-formed policy.

Such, no doubt, is the stuff of politics. But the problem is that the issues to be faced with nuclear waste are not simply political and technological, but also concern ethics and equity. Conflicts occur not only between the interests of regions, but also generations. Many difficult moral choices have to be made: do we for example adopt the principle that each generation should deal with its own wastes permanently; or do we seek to preserve as much flexibility of future action as possible for our descendants?

It is right that those adversely affected by any eventual decision as to disposal should be compensated fully by the rest of society. However, there is a danger that political expediency may lead to short-term regional gains being offered to make acceptable, or at least weaken opposition to, the easy solution. Given the sometimes ill-informed attitudes of public antipathy to the nuclear industry, it is understandable that any government will want to reach the answer which is most expedient in political terms. Unfortunately, such an answer is by no means likely to be the right one.

Happily, two opportunities for a hard and non-site-specific look at waste-disposal policy will arise this year, with the Government's own study on the best practicable environmental option and the Commons Environment Committee's report on readioactive waste. Is it too much to hope that advantage will be taken of these opportunities, while information is being marshalled on possible sites for land disposal?

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN TROMANS,
Selwyn College,
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February 27.

From Dr J. G. Raybould

Sir, In your second leader of February 26 you state: "Geology, transport, land ownership: all militate against the layman's solution of disposing of waste in unpopulated areas." The first of these factors is by no means as militant as you suppose.

It is true that Nirex (Nuclear Industry Radioactive Waste Executive) has confined its search for low-level radioactive waste repositories to the main clay regions of Britain. From these regions areas of high population density or conservation interest have been eliminated and the search for individual sites concentrated on the remaining areas. In other words, a technical issue – geology – was adopted as the first criterion on the selection of sites.

However, the disposal of low-level and short-lived intermediate-level wastes is not so much a technical problem as one of public acceptability. An engineered barrier is capable of affording a substantially greater degree of containment than is absolutely necessary for the wastes in question, and although geology is important to the design and construction of a repository, its significance in site selection is much less.

This is recognised by Nirex. At a conference in June last year Maurice Ginniff, the Director of Nirex, accepted that it was not necessary to rely on geology, but said, "We feel that because of the uncertainty, particularly of public perception, we would like to have a multi-barrier approach."

Since public perception is such an important factor, it would seem to be logical to give higher priority to those "barriers" which the public perceives as more crucial, such as shorter transport routes or remote disposal (although you are right in suggesting that these two conflict to some extent).

If areas other than clay areas were considered, it is possible that repository sites closer to the sources of the waste, or in remote situations, could be selected.

Personally, I have every confidence that low-level and some intermediate-level wastes could be deposited safely at any of the four sites now proposed. But if the public in general want remoteness, geology is certainly not one of the reasons why they shouldn't have it.

There is an irony in all this. While geology is unnecessarily being made important in the selection of low-level waste sites, funding is available for only a fraction of the geological research which is now vital for the future disposal of high-level wastes.

Yours faithfully,
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Palestinian aims

From Rabbi Frank Hellner

Sir, Professor Mazzawi (feature, February 25) tells us that the partition resolution of 1947 "gave 67 per cent of the land of Palestine to the Jews". But surely he knows full well that, to the contrary, Great Britain had already given 80 per cent of Mandatory Palestine (45,820 square miles) to the Hashemites in 1922 to establish an independent Arab State of Trans Jordan (subsequently Jordan) and Jews living there were expelled and forbidden to settle there – a law, incidentally, which still obtains.

What the partition resolution of 1947 gave to the Jews, in fact, was 67 per cent of the *remaining* 20 per cent of Palestine (about 6,000 square miles). Thus nearly 40,000 square miles, or about seven eights of Palestine, was awarded to the Arabs.

Mr Mazzawi's closing remark, however, that "If some Palestinians...resort in *self-defence* and in pursuit of their rights to what *some describe as terrorism*" (my italics), must give us pause to consider his moral position as a "*moderate*" Palestinian intellectual.

If the killing of a crippled Jew on board a cruise liner, the slaying of three Jewish tourists in Cyprus, the slaughter of 18 Jewish school children in Maalot or the indiscriminate massacre of Christian and Jewish passengers in an airport lounge in Rome are examples of "self-defence" or "what some describe as terrorism" then, to my dismay, there seems to be no common moral ground between us and I would have to agree with Professor Mazzawi's own perception that "something tragic and evil has happened to the Palestinians."

Yours faithfully,
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New schools for old

From Mr M. C. F. Pettit

Sir, The proposed legislation to increase parental representation on school governing bodies is entirely praiseworthy for all the reasons set out in your own leader today (February 21) but the reality remains that the effective powers of governors are extremely limited and my experience over the past five years suggests that real power still resides in the hands of County Hall.

As current vice-chairman of governors of Henlow Middle School (acknowledged as one of the best examples of this genre in the country) I have become increasingly frustrated by our inability to influence even such mundane events as:

1. Effective disposal of rubbish.
2. Planned maintenance of buildings.
3. Four years of discussion on catchment areas leading to yet further postponement for some years.
4. Inability to obtain answers (other than meaningless platitudes) to a range of correspondence.
5. The influencing of current selection procedures for a new head teacher, where the "system" allows for a single day to cover visit by short-listed applicants *and* subsequent interview. And a board dominated by county councillors pulled off a rota and potentially lacking in experience of either local affairs or education matters.
6. The stupidity of a decision by county authorities to switch off heating during the past half-term despite the fact that similar action at Christmas resulted in burst pipes, flooded rooms, and damage to floors that are only 10 years old.

The policy, Sir, should not merely be to stimulate appointment of parent governors but to give them real, as distinct from apparent, power.

Yours sincerely,
MALCOLM PETTIT,
Milverton,
1 Rectory Road,
Meppershall,
Shefford, Bedfordshire.

Sunday trading

From Lord Campbell of Croy

Sir, Shops in Scotland have for years been free to open on Sundays. In practice, only 16 per cent do. The present situation in Scotland is virtually what the Shops Bill proposes to bring about for England and Wales.

Recently I observed a large number of leaflets in a neighbouring church (nearly 300 miles north of the border) headed "Your Sunday is about to be hijacked" and issued by a body called the "Pro-Sunday Coalition". The contents indicated that the authors did not know that the Sunday in question (the Scottish Sunday) has for years been as proposed (and therefore as "hijacked") by this Bill. The leaflet urged readers to write to their MPs.

Scotland is not less religious or sabbatarian than England or Wales. The freedom to open shops on Sunday is exercised with discretion. For example, very little opens in the north-west Highlands. The large multiple retail shop in Inverness does not open, although it could.

I recognise that the Scottish situation has evolved over a period and that the Bill poses problems of immediate changes elsewhere in Britain. To parliamentarians from England and Wales, however, I suggest that the Scotish experience is worth some study.

Yours faithfully,
CAMPBELL of CROY,
Holme Rose,
Nairnshire.
February 24.

Regenerating urban areas

From Dr Nicholas Falk

Sir, The imminent demise of the metropolitan counties makes it imperative to look again at the funding of major urban regeneration projects, especially where EEC funds are potentially available. Whatever their limitations, the metropolitan county councils did provide a mechanism for targeting investment on areas where the risks are greater than the private sector is prepared to bear.

This particularly applies to the Victorian industrial areas, which have suffered most from the rapid decline of manufacturing over the last 10 to 20 years. In many cases the "solutions" of abandoning the areas or grassing them over are not feasible because the buildings are listed for preservation.

Though it is possible to devise practical schemes for reviving the heart of these areas – and the recent opening of a canoe slalom course in Sowerby Bridge shows what can be done – the regulations over public finance threaten to deprive regeneration schemes of the very funds they need.

For example, local authorities in West Yorkshire are being prevented from taking up most of the £9 million expected from the EEC under its textile closure areas schemes because of the restrictions on capital allocations.

Surely, now is the time to concentrate on securing better value for public spending and on creating real jobs. This means modifying the rules so that well conceived regeneration schemes that have real local support and the promise of EEC funds can go ahead.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS FALK, Director,
Urbed,
99 Southwark Street, SE1.
February 24.

A suspect gloss

From Mr Charles Beare

Sir, I read with interest your *saleroom corespondent's* comment (Feburary 19) that "paintings that had been cleaned and restored were simply not selling, since this is a sure sign that they have been recently on the market". No doubt every branch of the art market has its bad pennies, but I wonder if there is not a more basic reason why the paintings were unpopular.

It has for many years been a feature of the market for musical instruments, for instance, that an obviously restored object is much less appealing to the eye, and therefore less easily sold, than one in a pure state, even if damaged. A premium is often paid, not so much because something has not been "seen on the market" for many years, but because it has managed to escape the extravagant attentions of the average restorer.

Surely the aim of the restorer should always be to do what is absolutely necessary and no more, to repair damage but to preserve the honest, unrestored appearance that gives an antique object so much of its charm. If clean paintings are difficult to sell, why are they made so clean?

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES BEARE,
J. & A. Beare Ltd.,
7 Broadwick Street, W1.
February 20.

Aid for charities

From Mr Christopher Chataway

Sir, The "bonanza" for charities, to which you refer in your lead article of February 19, will not necessarily be a bonanza for all charities. The proposed tax incentive scheme could, in fact, lose some charities millions of pounds. The scheme would unfairly hit those charities which already take full advantage of the existing incentive scheme – the deed of covenant.

Action Aid, for instance, which funds long-term development projects in the Third World, will receive nearly £3 million in tax relief on covenants in 1986. If the right to claim tax relief was switched in the Budget to the donor, we should have to spend a great deal of time and money in persuading our supporters to increase their standing orders; and many of them would probably never get round the complexities of reclaiming tax. There would almost certainly be a serious reduction in the charity's income this year.

If a change is to be made – and of course I welcome any attempts by the Chancellor to help charities – it would be important to have a long transition period. From the viewpoint of many charities it would also be desirable to allow the present system of covenanting to continue in parallel with any new incentives.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER CHATAWAY,
Honorary Treasurer,
Action Aid,
PO Box 69,
208 Upper Street, N1.
February 21.

'Positive' scoring

From Dr C. D. F. Rogers

Sir, The recent discussion on the disproportionate advantage resulting from the penalty in rugby union matches produced some interesting suggestions. Notable among these were the undervaluing of the classic winger's try, because of the ouside chance of converting it, and the need to reward try scoring relative to penalty kicks.

A proposal that conversions be taken from in front of the goal posts was, rightly, refuted as trivialising this part of the game to the extent that six points could be awarded for a try and the conversion be dispensed with.

I suggest that, for a try scored between the touch line and the 15-metre line, the conversion be taken 15 metres in from touch. This would retain the incentive to score close to the goal posts, would retain an important and traditional facet of the game and would increase the likelihood of a goal being achieved.

If, for example, 50 per cent of conversions are currently made, a try is worth, on average, 5 points; the above amendment might result in a 75 per cent success rate and an average of 5.5 points per try. Hence a part restoration of balance.

Yours faithfully,
C. D. F. ROGERS,
11 Sinope,
A50,
Leicestershire.

Hard to grasp

From the Reverend M. P. R. Linskill

Sir, "Hard to grasp" packaging tries more than the old (Ms Peggy Pitt, February 21). Once I deemed the M**s Bar to be the man of action's last resource when simultaneously juggling with crisis and fighting off exhaustion; its great merit was consumability with one hand (the teeth, Sir, would deal with the wrapper).

Are my recent failures telling me it's time to retire, or the manufacturers to review their duty to a great British institution? Perhaps less vigorously yours,

MARTIN LINSKILL,
Librarian and Dean of Degrees,
St Stephen's House,
16 Marston Street,
Oxford.

Meaningful terms

From Mr Leslie Morgan

Sir, Some thirty years ago, as a member of a BBC audience research team in Bradford, I asked a well-dressed and well-spoken gentleman for his profession – he told me he was a "glassologist". When I asked him to elucidate he broke into the broadest Yorkshire: "During th' week I'm a windercleaner, lad, at weekends I'm a glassologist"!

Yours faithfully,
LESLIE MORGAN,
Ravendale,
28 St John's Road,
Heysham,
Morecambe,
Lancashire.

ON THIS DAY

MARCH 4 1861

In June, 1860 Garibaldi captured Sicily and in September Naples, compelling Francis II, Bourbon King of the Two Sicilies to flee to Gaeta, where he made a final unsuccessful stand. The capture of the town was a decisive step towards the unification of Italy.

THE SIEGE OF GAËTA.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

MOLA DI GAËTA, Feb. 22.

The siege of Gaëta is rapidly being unmade...I do not believe any Eastern country ever presented more revolting scenes, more shocking sights than this last abandoned foul nest of Bourbon domination. Carcases of dead horses are still lying in the main streets, where they have evidently been suffered to rot for the last month or two. The state of the casemates, even of those which the enemy's fire could not reach, and not excepting even that which harboured the "Grande infortune noblement supportée," and the lovely "Heloïse von Gaëta," is such – such as no pen could or would describe; and it is difficult to conceive the danger the most arrant poltroon would not brave to escape from so horrible a hotbed of all corruption...

Nothing could well be more remarkable than the behaviour of this poor, ignorant, and craven population throughout. Inside the town, no less than in the Borgo, the tenant of the lowest hut had in frequent instances to be driven from his home by main force. Nothing but the stick, or the menace of it, could conquer an apathy that seems grounded on the blindest fatalism. I have seen cottages along the sea, between the Piedmontese batteries and the town, where the wretched families have lived for months actually between two fires; the loss of some of their members did not cure the rest of that unconquerable apathy which lays all the burden even of self-preservation on Providence. At first Cialdini endeavoured to scare them away, for he apprehended they harboured hostile intentions and stayed there as spies. But they were obviously too harmless and neutral a set for a second thought to be bestowed upon them...

...Imagine, then, the homes of at least 10,000 families turned inside out, and all moving in one line and in one direction, loaded on carts, mules, asses, men's and women's backs, – wool and straw mattrasses, chairs, boxes, bandboxes, pots and pans, household and kitchen furniture of every description swarming in one confused mass, along the road. I saw a man, an old man, closing a procession of half-a-dozen lusty fellows, in all likelihood his sons or grandsons, all of them laden with the insides of their gutted cottage, all of them trusted with the conveyance of objects of the first necessity, the old man bringing up the rear with a huge crucifix, wrapped in white linen cloth, and so heavy as almost to break the bearer's bent back under its burden. The new Anchises had taken the household gods with him in his flight; he had no faith in their ability to protect themselves, let alone the dwelling which burnt incense or lit farthing lamps in their honour. Alas! for the shady side of war! These poor wretches had heard that the siege was at an end; they laid hold of what each of them held dearest, and are all eager for their return – home! But where is their home? A man stopped us on the road the day before yesterday, and addressed the staff officer in my company, with whom he had struck up something like a speaking acquaintance, with a doleful look that said as plainly as possible, "What shall I do?" "Well, how is it, Felice?" said my companion. "Did you find much damage done at home?" "Nothing!" was the pithy answer, "I found nothing!" "Ah well, you had better luck than many of your neighbours, I'll warrant." "Nothing, I said," retorted the poor stricken hind, goaded out of his spiritless consternation by my friend's misconception of his meaning; "I tell you I found nothing! my house and home are nowhere!"...

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 3: The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips visited Derbyshire today.

Having been received by Her Majesty's LordLieutenant for Derbyshire (Colonel Peter Hilton) Her Royal Highness, President of the Save the Children Fund, opened the Fund's Shop in Chesterfield.

Afterwards The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, visited the Midland Railway Trust Station at Ripley escorted by the President and Chairman of the Trust (Mrs K. Mew).

Her Royal Highness was later entertained to luncheon at Ilkeston Park.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, this afternoon visited Charnos Factory, Ilkeston in celebration of their Golden Jubilee and was received on arrival by the Chairman of the Directors (Mr R. Noskwith).

Her Royal Highness later opened the new Design Block at Trent College (Headmaster Mr A. Maltby) in Long Easton and unveiled two commemorative plaques.

Afterwards The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, visited Birkins Lace Factory, Borrowash and was received on arrival by the Managing Director (Mr F.Attenborough).

Her Royal Highness, attended by the Hon Mrs LeggeBourke, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

By command of The Queen, the Lord Brabazon of Tara (Lord in Waiting) called upon The President of the Republic of Sierra Leone at the Hyde Park Hotel this morning and, on behalf of Her Majesty, welcomed His Excellency on his arrival in this Country.

CLARENCE HOUSE
March 3: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this afternoon visited the *Daily Mail* Ideal Home Exhibition at Earls Court.

Lady Jean Rankin, Sir Alastair Aird and Captain James LowtherPinkerton were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 3: The Princess of Wales this morning visited the Adfer Unit at Whitchurch Hospital, Park Road, Cardiff and afterwards attended a Reception to mark the launch of the Lifeline Wales Campaign of the Kidney Research Unit of Wales Foundation, at the City Hall, Cardiff, South Glamorgan.

Her Royal Highness, attended by Miss Anne BeckwithSmith and LieutenantCommander Richard Aylard, RN, travelled in an aircraft of the Queen's Flight.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 3: The Duchess of Gloucester, President of The Royal London Society for the Blind and of The Incorporated Association for Promoting the General Welfare of the Blind, was present this evening at a Gala Dinner and Fashion Show given by Sightline in aid of London's Blind at the Inter-Continental Hotel, London.

Mrs Euan McCorquodale was in attendance.

(The court circular above was published yesterday by mistake).

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Dr Constance Annie Poyser Wood will be held on Wednesday, March 5, 1986, at noon in the Chapel of the Middlesex Hospital, Mortimer Street, London, W1.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Lord Aldenham will be held at St Michael's, Cornhill, EC2, on Monday, March 10, at noon.

Birthdays today

Mr Basil Boothroyd, 76; Sir Arthur Bryan, 63; Sir John Carew Pole, 84; Professor H.J. Eysenck, 70; Miss Joan Greenwood, 65; Mr Bernard Haitink, 57; Mr John Hunt, 54; Sir Geoffrey Jackson, 71; Mr Francis King, 63; Mr Ralph Kirshbaum, 40; Sir Ralph Millais, 81; Mr Patrick Moore, 63; Mr Alan Sillitoe, 58; Professor H.N.V. Temperley, 71; Dame Albertine Winner, 79.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr F.R. Enock
and Miss G.M. Crawford
The engagement is announced between Roger, younger son of Mr and Mrs J.A.D. Enock, of Exmouth, Devon, and Gillian, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Crawford, of Chew Magna, Avon.

Mr J.M. Franklin
and Miss H.A. Halsted
The engagement is announced between Jacob, son of Colin and Charlotte Franklin, of Culham, Oxfordshire, and Hilary, daughter of Dulcie Halsted and the late Victor Halsted, of London, NW11.

Mr J.C. Smelt
and Miss D.A. Galbraith
The engagement is announced between John, youngest son of Mrs J.B. Smelt, of East Chinnock, Somerset, and Mr M.A.C. Smelt, of Castallack, Cornwall, and Deborah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs A.D. Galbraith, of Borland Cottages, Ayrshire.

Mr J.R. Gibson Fleming
and Miss F.L. Don
The engagement is announced between James, son of the late Major W.H. Gibson Fleming and Mrs W.H. Gibson Fleming, of Ranston, Dorset, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.S. Don, of Elmham House, Norfolk.

Mr B.W.F. Shepherd
and Miss P.A. Howell
The engagement is announced between Benjamin, eldest son of Mr Roland Shepherd, of Boxalands Farm, West Sussex, and Mrs Christina Fenwick-Smith, of Ingrams Green, Midhurst, and Peta, second daughter of Mr Gerald Howell, of Belchambers Farm, West Sussex, and Mrs Joanna Howell, of London, SW6.

Marriage

Mr A.C. Frost
and Dr M.J. MacDougall
The marriage took place between Mr Adrian Charles Frost and Dr Margaret Jane MacDougall on February 22 at St James's, Piccadilly.



Three heart transplant patients (from left), Mr Roy Freese, aged 42, of Shoreham-by-Sea, Mr Paddy Tizzard, aged 30, of Seaford, and Mr Ken Prior, aged 47, of Worthing, were among those who signed up yesterday in Covent Garden when registration opened for the eleventh London to Brighton Bike Ride on June 15 in aid of the British Heart Foundation (Photograph: John Voos).

Appointments



Mr Peter Ahrends

Academic post for architect

Mr Peter Ahrends, partner of Ahrends, Burton and Koralek, has been appointed professor of architecture at the Bartlett School of Architecture and Planning, University College London. He will take up the post in October.

Mr Ahrends, aged 52, and his practice are responsible for a number of award-winning buildings and won the architect-developer competition for the extension to the National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, in 1982, which was later abandoned (our Architecture Correspondent writes).

The post is an influential one and comes at a time of widening public debate about architecture. Mr Ahrends will continue to play an active role within his practice, combining design with education. His appointment will be popular among architects and students.

Among the practice's best-known buildings are the Berkeley Library at Trinity College, Dublin, the residential building at Keble College, Oxford, the Cummins Engine Factory in Scotland, and the new Sainsbury supermarket in Canterbury.

Mr Ahrends succeeds Professor Newton Watson who has headed the school since 1969.

Other appointments include:

Sir Jeffrey Stirling, aged 51, chairman of P & O, to be special adviser on industrial and financial affairs to Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

Mr John Whittingdale, aged 26, former special adviser to Mr Leon Brittan at the Department of Trade and Industry, has been appointed a special adviser at the department.

The following to be members of the Royal Fine Art Commission:
Mr RD Carter, Mr Michael J Hopkins, Mrs Diane Netting, Mr James Sutherland, and Mr John Winter.

The following to be members of the Council for Licensed Conveyancers:
Mr LA Evans, Mrs K Foss, Miss Caroline Hutton, Mr P Kenny, Mr R King, Mr GH Kingsmill, Mr L Oddy, Mr R Staves, and Mr J Taylor.

Latest wills

Countess Pamela Moy, of Pulborough, West Sussex, left estate valued at £179,672 net.

Mrs Nora Angela Stratten Watters, of Spital, Merseyside, left £125,775 net. After personal bequests of £4,000 and effects she left the residue to the Salvation Army.

Mrs Margot Hirji, of Forest Hill, London, left £115,551 net. After personal bequests of £11,000 she left the residue to the Cancer Research Campaign.

Mr Robert Arbuthnot McNeile, of Brancaster, co-chairman of *Arthur Guinness*, 1975-78, left £249,803 net.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):
Clay, Mrs Margaret Lewis, of Pershore £411,736
Hill, Mrs Eileen Smeeton, of Poole £399,569
Hooper, Mr Henry Norris, of West Lavington, Wiltshire £442,755
Horlick, Lady, of Paris, estate in England and Wales £404,994
North, Mr Franklin St John, of Purley £461,561

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League
The Marquess of Douro, MEP, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the discussion circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held at Over-Seas House last night. Captain William J. Law presided.

Luncheon

Coal Industry Society
Mr J.A.V. Speigel, Chairman of the Chamber of Coal Traders and President of the Coal Merchants' Federation of Great Britain, was the principal guest speaker at a luncheon of the Coal Industry Society held at the Park Lane Hotel yesterday. He was introduced by Lord Ezra, and Mr Andrew Horsler was in the chair.

Wycombe Abbey School

Scholarship awards for 1986:
Wycombe Abbey Open Scholarship: Laura Zatloukal (Beaudesert Park School, Minchinhampton).
William Johnston Yapp Scholarship: Kathryn McNab (Wycombe Abbey and Godstowe School, High Wycombe).
Crosthwaite Scholarship: Miranda Berman (Stonefield House School, Lincoln).
Walpole Scholarship: Natasha Coke (Godstowe School, High Wycombe).
Crosthwaite Scholarship: Maria Coombe (Godstowe School, High Wycombe).
Whitelaw Scholarship (music): Tara Campbell Golding (Lady Eden's School).
Exhibitions: Auriol Bishop (Wycombe Abbey and Duncombe School, Bergen); Lynne Burgess (Wycombe Abbey and Mallman's Green, Gerrards Cross); Alice Gaskell (Wycombe Abbey and Millfield Junior School (Edgarley Hall)); Philippa Gill (Wycombe Abbey and Queen Mary's School, Baldersby Park); Caroline Heaton (Godstowe School, High Wycombe); Fiona Walker (Godstowe School, High Wycombe).

St George's School, Ascot

The main 11-plus scholarship for 1986 has been awarded to Catherine Alison Moulds (Flexlands School, Chobham) and the junior mathematics scholarship has been awarded to Victoria Rachel Ottley (Flexlands School, Chobham).

Institute of Physics

The Council of the Institute of Physics has made the following awards for 1986:
Guthrie medal and prize: Sir Denys Wilkinson, of Sussex University; Glazebrook medal and prize: Dr G Mainwing, of the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, Oxfordshire; Bragg medal and prize: Mr W Llewarch, formerly of the London Institute of Education; Duddell medal and prize: Dr BP Kibble, of the National Physical Laboratory, Teddington.
Patterson medal and prize: Dr EP Raynes, of the Royal Signals and Radar Establishment, Malvern; Rutherford medal and prize: Professor A Astbury, of Victoria University, Canada; Maxwell medal and prize: Dr JJ Binney, of Oxford University; and the Holweck medal and prize: Professor GC Roberts, of the Thorn EMI *Central Research Laboratories* at Hayes, London.
Professor PW Anderson, of Princeton University, US, and Professor Abdus Salam, of Imperial College, London University, have been elected honorary fellows of the institute.

Dinner

Society of Conservative Lawyers
Mr Kenneth Clarke, QC, MP, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Society of Conservative Lawyers held at the Savoy Hotel last night. Mr Nicholas Lyell, QC, MP, chairman, presided and a vote of thanks was given by the Hon Douglas Hogg, MP. Among those present were:
Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC, MP, Sir Edward Gardner, QC, MP, Mr Richard Ottaway, MP, Mr Leolin Price, QC, Mr John McDonnell, QC, Miss Emma Nicholson, Mr Alexander Hill-Smith and Mr James Lemkin.

Church news

Appointments
The Rev T R Bonlwell, Chaplain, Trowbridge College, diocese of Salisbury, to be Vicar, St Barnabas, Bath with Englishcombe, diocese of Bath and Wells.
The Rev M T Coombe, Chaplain at Belgrade with Zagreb, diocese of Europe, to be curate, St Peter's, Maidenhead, diocese of Oxford.
The Rev A D C Evans, Vicar, Chadwell Heath, diocese of Chelmsford, to be Vicar, Squirrels Heath, same diocese.
The Rev R J Groves, Parish Priest, All Saints, Clapham Park, diocese of Southwark, to be Vicar, same parish.
The Rev J H Langstaff, Priest-in-charge, St Peter's, Farnborough, diocese of Guildford, to be Priest-in-charge, St Matthew, Duddeston and St Clement, Nechells, diocese of Birmingham.
The Rev N T Moffatt, Vicar, St John's, Dormansland, diocese of Southwark, to be Team Rector, Padgate, diocese of Liverpool.
The Rev C Newton, resident, diocese of Winchester, to be Priest-in-charge, Oare with Culbone, diocese of Bath and Wells.
The Rev D Olive, formerly curate (NSM), St Cuthbert's, Wells, diocese of Bath and Wells, to be curate (stipendiary), Yatton Moor, same diocese.
The Rev D Rice, curate, Gloucester with Wotton, diocese of Gloucester, to be Rector, Theale with Englefield, diocese of Oxford.
The Rev J S Richardson, Vicar, Christ Church, Naisea, diocese of Bath and Wells, to be diocesan adviser on evangelism, same diocese.
The Rev P J Rogers, parish Priest, St John with St James, Plumstead, diocese of Southwark, to be Vicar, same parish.
The Rev R J Smith, Rector, Crook and Vicar, Stanley (in plurality), diocese of Durham, to be Vicar, St Cuthbert's, Billingham, same diocese.
The Rev B R Spence, Vicar, St Mary's East Grinstead, diocese of Chichester, to be Vicar, St John the Baptist, Crowthorne, diocese of Oxford.
The Rev H B Tasker, Vicar, Long Ashton, diocese of Bath and Wells, to be also Rural Dean of Portishead, same diocese.
The Rev H V Taylor, secretary, USPG, Tufton Street, Westminster, to be also an honorary canon of Bristol Cathedral, diocese of Bristol.
The Rev C T Tookey, Vicar, St Thomas, Wells, diocese of Bath and Wells, to be also Rural Dean of Shepton Mallet, same diocese.
The Rev I L Willis, curate, Whitchurch, diocese of Bristol, to be Priest-in-charge, Pucklechurch and Abson, same diocese.

Other appointments
Mrs G Dallow, head of religious education, Colston Girls School, Bristol, to be religious education adviser, schools and parishes, diocese of Bath and Wells.

Resignations and retirements
The Rev R H Baker, Vicar, Berry Pomeroy, Broadhempston, Woodland and Littlehempston, diocese of Exeter, to retire on April 30.
The Rev J Grimwood, Rector of Burbage with Aston Flamville, diocese of Leicester, retired on Jan 1.
Canon V A Sheen, Vicar, St James, Clapham Park, diocese of Southwark, to retire on July 31.
Canon J Whitelam, Vicar, St Agnes, Kennington Park, diocese of Southwark, to retire on May 31.
Preb H F Warren, Rector, West Monkton, diocese of Bath and Wells, to retire at the end of September.
The Rev D G Gardner, Vicar, Kington Langley, and Rector, Draycot Cerne (in plurality) diocese of Bristol, to retire in October.

Church of Scotland
The Rev J Forsyth, from Contin-Strathconon to Kilchrenan and Dalavich.
The Rev I D Petrie, from East Kilbride, Westwood to Dundee, St Andrew's.
The Rev J B Anderson, from Falkirk, Bainsford to Edinburgh, Gorgie.
The Rev J T Lang, from Glasgow, Bridgeton to Glasgow, St James's (Pollok).
The Rev B Lawrie to Errick with Yarrow.
The Rev H F Watt to Glasgow, Lochwood.

Retirements
The Rev J M Laing from Buchlyvie with Gartmore.
The Rev R R Brown from Perth, Kinnoull.
The Rev A I Mackenzie from Glenelg with Glenshiel with Kintail.
The Rev R J S Wallace from Foveran.

Church in Wales
The Rev Margaret Harvey, curate of Connah's Quay, to be adviser to the Bishop of St Asaph on continuing clerical education and an honorary assistant in the parish of Corwen and the deanery of Edeyrnion.
The Rev B Lesson, curate, Flint, to be Vicar of Llanarmon Dyffryn Ceiriog, Llansantffraid GC, and Pontfadog, diocese of St Asaph.
The Rev J D Trinder, Vicar of Dingestow and Llangovan with Penyclawdd and Tregare, to be Vicar of Cwmcarvan, newly grouped with the parishes of Dingestow and Llangovan with Penyclawdd and Tregare, diocese of Monmouth.

University news

City
Grants
Science and Engineering Research Council £64 858 to Dr JP Wright for studies of propagation of short pulses of ultrasound in solids with applications to NDT instrumentation.
Economic and Social Research Council: £98,580 to Professor AJ Fox for user support group for national child development study; £102,000 to Professor M Beenstock to study medium term macroeconomic modelling of the UK economy.
Office of Population Censuses and Surveys, £110,000 to Professor Fox for salary of a senior lecturer.
Institute of Actuaries and Memorial Education and Research Fund: £80,000 to Professor S Haberman to support a research fellow for three years.

Oxford
Professor William Hayes, head of the Clarendon Laboratory at Oxford and Principal Bursar at St John's College, has been chosen as president of St John's with effect from July 31, 1987, and not this year as previously reported.

Science report

Analyser detects changes in bones

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

New exercises are being developed by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Nasa, to help astronauts to retain the strength of their limbs in the weightlessness of space.

Measurements of the effectiveness of the treadmills and bicycles used now show that crews still suffer bone loss during flights.

Part of the research by Dr Donald Young, a physiologist at the Ames Research Centre in California, and Dr Charles Steele, an engineer at Stanford University Medical Centre, has produced an instrument for analysing changes in the bone structure. Measurements are made by pressing a small probe on the surface of the skin of an arm or leg.

The device is also being tested in the orthopaedic department at Stanford for monitoring the rate of repair of fractures and for detecting diseases which result in the deterioration of the bone or in brittleness.

Although by adolescence an individual's bones have stopped lengthening, the process of growing continues. Cells within bone tissue are constantly breaking down and reassembling the matrix of the skeleton.

In conditions like osteoporosis, the loss of bone is greater than the replacement because of hormonal imbalances affecting metabolism of the appropriate minerals.

Prolonged dialysis of patients with kidney damage, and treatments with the type of drugs used to prevent rejection of transplanted organs are other circumstances in which a continuing watch is needed on the mechanism of bone replacement.

Daily exercise stimulates the rebuilding. But studies of activities in weightlessness show that rate of rebuilding is slower than on the ground. Dr Steele says each step while walking puts a load on the leg bone of five times the body weight. But if a person is in weightlessness, or confined to bed, there is no load and, consequently, little regrowth.

He said the bone analyser detected those changes earlier than other methods using X-rays or photon absorption, because it directly tested the strength of the bones. The primary measurement was of the change in the stiffness of the bone.

Preliminary results with the instrument are able to measure 5 per cent changes in bone structure, which should be adequate to judge the success of dietary changes, exercise or drugs. The fingertip probe which vibrates is pressed against the skin over a person's forearm or lower leg. The bone vibrates in response, but with a frequency that depends on its strength, or "how hard it is to bend".

Special microelectronic detectors attached to the probe include a force transducer and an accelerometer, which transmit data to a microprocessor that analyses the bone's resistance to being shaken by the probe.

Measurement of each limb takes less than a minute. Trials have included assessments of weakness of bones that have been immobilized in plaster casts.

One woman had a shoulder injury that kept her from moving her shoulder for four years. She had a 68 per cent drop in that bone's stiffness, according to probe measurements. A programme of remedial therapy was planned on that assessment.

CHRISTIE'S WEEK IN VIEW

A selection from our 16 sales in London this week.

Fine Japanese Works of Art: Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 5 March at 10.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m., King Street: Over two days we are presenting over 800 lots covering most aspects of Japanese applied art. The first sale comprises items made exclusively for Japanese themselves: prints, screens, swords and sword-fittings. The following day colourful kakiemon porcelain, enamels and ivories will be more familiar to western eyes. Lacquers include a fine series of chests and there is a good range of netsuke.

Clocks and Watches: Wednesday 5 March at 11 a.m., King Street: A 'Floating Turtle' clock, a Chinese *wooden* clock, several skeleton clocks and a curious Art Nouveau item with a girl's arms pointing to the time, are some of the stranger items here. Otherwise there is a serious range of chronometers, carriage, bracket and longcase clocks, with a good group of regulators to end the sale.

Icons, Russian Paintings and Works of Art: Thursday 6 March at 10.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m., King Street: An all-day sale which evokes the *ancien régime* of the Czars. In a new combination for Christie's, 100 lots of icons are followed by Russian paintings – with some most attractive landscapes, particularly the view of the rural surroundings of Old Moscow by V.D. Polenov. Later in the sale come enamels, silver, fine porcelain and bronzes including a good bust of Tolstoy.

British and Irish Traditionalist and Modernist Paintings and Sculpture: Thursday 6 March at 2.30 p.m. and Friday 7 March at 10.30 a.m., King Street: Interest in this field has increased so much that we have divided the sales into two separate catalogues: the first offering paintings with the traditional feel continuing from the Victorian era – landscapes, flower-pieces and genre subjects: the second covering the subject-matter and techniques basically stemming from Europe, and including for the first time a significant number from the 1950s and 1960s. There are over 400 lots in all, and viewing is strongly recommended.

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Sale room

Rare Fulda porcelain finds eager buyers

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

The collection of Fulda porcelain formed by Daniel Meinertzhagen and his wife was sold for £247,395 at Christie's yesterday with every lot finding a buyer. It was a one-off occasion, the best collection of Fulda outside West Germany.

The little town of Fulda, north-west of Cassel, boasted its own porcelain factory from 1764 to 1789 under the patronage of the local grandee, Prince Bishop Heinrich von Bibra. Celebrating the activities of his court, it no doubt enlarged his consequence. Both workmen and designs were frequently borrowed from other German factories.

The collection contained a set of charming little figures of the Prince Bishop's court musicians, which sold for a total of £33,696. The cheapest figure was the "Flautist" at £4,320 (estimate £2,000-£3,000) and the top price paid was £5,616 (estimate £2,000-£4,000) for both the "Dudelpfeiffer" and the "Bagpiper".

The figures, which stand 15cm high, wear hats gaily embellished with ribbons and flowers and were adapted from a Frankenthal model of a fruit-seller. The creation of the series followed the dismissal of the Prince Bishop's orchestra for reasons of economy and its subsequent reinstatement by order of the town council.

The top price in the sale was the £32,400 (estimate £10,000-£20,000) paid by Robbig for a sporting group of huntsman and companion. Accompanied by their dog, they stand beside the blasted trunk of a tree on which they have hung two dead birds. The group was adapted from an engraving of "Autumn", by Johann Esaias Nilson, at the request of the Prince Bishop.

The National Museum in Cassel commissioned Amelung of Würzburg to buy the very rare figure of Scaramouche at £20,250 (estimate £10,000-£15,000) and the same dealer secured six ornithological cups and saucers on behalf of the little museum in Fulda at £8,856 (estimate £2,500-£4,000).

Christie's mixed property auction of Continental porcelain, which followed the Meinertzhagen collection, proved popular with a total sale of £252,725 and 7 per cent left unsold.

A Sèvres bleu lapis jardiniere, decorated with a vignette of sailors loading barrels into their boat, provided a striking illustration of the recent climb in prices. Christie's sold it from the Earl of Sefton's collection in 1973 for £840 and again from an anonymous collection in 1982 for £5,184. Yesterday the same piece secured £11,880.

OBITUARY

BLOKE MODISANE
African writer and actor

J. A. M. writes:

Bloke Modisane, one of that team of African writers of the 1950s who created *Drum* magazine, has died in Dortmund at the age of 62.

William Modisane - his nickname, Bloke, was inspanned for his writings - lived in the Johannesburg suburb of Sophiatown, the "black spot" bulldozed flat by government order in 1958 for being too close to white suburbs. When it went, Modisane left too, to seek his fortune.

In his one room in Sophiatown, as one of the first black urban intellectuals, he had become host to innumerable searchers for the real Africa.

A highly social man, he took behind the scenes, into the shebeens and shanty towns, people from Europe and America such as Sybil Thorndyke and Adlai Stevenson as well as South African whites, themselves wanting to meet blacks on an equal footing, and writers such as Nadine Gordimer and Athol Fugard.

Modisane became an actor and in the Fugard plays, *No Good Friday* and *The Blood Knot*, in productions on the Rand and in London, continued to interpret for the outside world, the life of his African fellows.

Later he appeared in Genet's *The Blacks* at the Royal Court, and in many a radio and stage play.

When first discovered by *Drum* he was working in the despatch department of Vanguard Bookshop, an intellectual centre of Johannesburg. He became a reporter, short story writer, boxing correspondent and in Britain and later in Germany, he turned playwright. Many of his works were produced by the BBC and by German radio.

But away from Africa it was always very much exile. As he said in the opening of his autobiography, *Blame Me On History*, published in 1963, "Something in me died, a piece of me died, with the dying of Sophiatown".

He is survived by his widow, Ingeborg, and a son, and also by a daughter from a first marriage in South Africa.

MISS BEATRIX THOMSON

Miss Beatrix Thomson who has died at the age of 85, was a leading actress on the West End stage in the 1920s and 1930s.

She was engaged by Basil Dean on leaving the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art to take over the role of Mabel Dancy in *Loyalties* at the St Martin's Theatre.

Following this both the West End and Broadway saw her in starring roles among which *The Three Sisters* in which she played Irena (opposite a youthful John Gielgud); *The Idiot*; *The Rivals*; *The Years Between* and *Lilies of the Field* were perhaps the best known.

In 1926 she created the title role in *The Constant Nymph* on the New York stage and subsequently other leading roles.

Back in London she was to be seen in *The Bey* at His Majesty's and in the stage version of G. B. Stern's *The Matriarch* at the Royalty (in which she co-starred with Mrs Patrick Campbell). Her outstanding performance in her own play, *Wooden Shoes*, earned her a film contract to play Madame Dreyfus in one of the first British talking pictures.

In 1931 she entered a period of actress-management, in association with Helena Pickard at the *Little Grafton Theatre*. Her roles during this period were varied, ranging from Granville-Barker to Ibsen, as well as her own play *Love for Sale*. It was during the Second World War after volunteering for duty on aircraft production and, later, touring to entertain troops in the Far East, that she contracted the tropical disease that was so tragically to upset her stage career.

Home again, she concentrated on her second love, writing, achieving productions at several of London's fringe theatres in the 1940s and 1950s.

She was to return to the live stage in two productions of Peter Cotes, Arnold Bennett's *What the Public Wants* at Manchester in 1948 and in the first West End revival of Rodney Ackland's *The Old Ladies* (Duchess) in 1969.

Beatrix Thomson's contribution to the pre-war movement to popularise thoughtful and unusual theatre, and the skill and charm of a unique personality, will not easily be forgotten by those with memories old enough to recall London's West End between the wars.

MR PAUL BEWSHEA

Mr Paul Bewshea, OBE, MM, for many years the representative in New York of Imperial Airways, and later of BOAC, died there on February 20, aged 88.

Born in Beckenham, Kent, on January 12, 1898 he joined the Gordon Highlanders at the age of 17 in 1915, went to France, was wounded twice, seriously gassed, won the MM and was demobilized on his 21st birthday.

He then conducted tours of the battlefields before joining the Daimler Airway and then Imperial Airways.

He worked in the traffic department of Imperial Airways at Croydon, before being posted to New York in 1929, at a time when plans for North Atlantic air services were still a gleam in the eye.

Later, as the company's commercial manager, he organized the American end of the experimental trans-Atlantic commercial flying-boat services, the first of which was flown in July, 1937, in association with Pan-American Airways.

During the war, as BOAC's commercial manager, he was at one time closely concerned with the acquisition by the British government of the three Boeing flying boats which maintained trans-Atlantic air links throughout the war.

Later he organized the New York end of BOAC's North Atlantic commercial land plane services, operated from 1946 with Lockheed Constellations.

Throughout his 57 years in New York, he was highly regarded for his quiet and courteous wisdom, together with his readiness to smooth the way for many visitors by air from Britain.

MR F. J. NORTON

Mr Frederick John Norton, who died on February 28 at the age of 81, presided for many years over the Foreign Books department of the Cambridge University Library and was an authority in the field of Spanish bibliography.

Educated at Alleyn's School and Pembroke College, Cambridge, where he read modern languages, in 1930 after literary research in Spain and some school teaching, he joined the staff of Cambridge University Library, where he was to remain, with a break at the Foreign Office during the war, until his retirement in 1972.

While his professional work was among mainly modern books his own interest turned to older material, especially to books printed between 1501 and 1520. And by wise buying at a time when such books were within the means of ordinary men he eventually built up a quite remarkable collection.

His *Italian Printers, 1501-1520* (1958) and his *Printing in Spain, 1501-1520* (1966) brought him an authoritative reputation on which the publication in 1978 of his *Descriptive Catalogue* of surviving Spanish and Portuguese books, 1501-20 set the final seal.

This achievement was recognised by Spain with the Grand Cross of the Order of Alfonso X, the Wise.

He also published in collaboration with Professor L. C. Harmer, a successful *Manual of Modern Spanish*.

Norton was a bachelor, a silent man and ill at ease in company. He was however an ambitious traveller (though he never learned how to pack a suitcase) and he exibited on foreign soil and in foreign tongues a confidence which he altogether lacked at home.

MR HAROLD WILLIS, QC

Mr Harold Willis, QC, died on February 12, aged 83.

The younger son of Sir Frederick Willis, a distinguished civil servant, he went from Berkhamsted School to New College, Oxford, winning an athletics blue for the long jump.

He was called to the Bar by the Middle Temple in 1926, and from then until the outbreak of war, practised as a specialist in the Parliamentary chambers of Maurice Fitzgerald, KC, rapidly becoming the leading junior of the Parliamentary Bar.

After service in the war with the RAFVR, he returned to his practice, took silk in 1952, and became Leader of the Parliamentary Bar. He became a Bencher of his Inn in 1948 and Treasurer in 1969.

In those days Lord Chancellors did not look for possible recruits to the Bench towards those who in the main practised before the committees of both Houses; otherwise a man of such exceptional qualities must surely have been invited to become a judge.

He married in 1943 Eileen Murray, who predeceased him by two days.

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THE ARTS

Television

Without question

***Mazimba* (Channel 4) was a profile of — effectively an advertisement for — the Solomon Mahlangu Freedom College in Tanzania, to which young South African exiles go to be educated when police harassment drives them from the townships.**

It started with a bland montage — it could have been lifted straight from the pages of an in-flight magazine — showing infants playing happily together on climbing-frames and students beavering away in a chemistry class. At any moment one expected "I'd like to teach the world to sing" to burst forth, for that was the sort of advertisement this was, soft-centred and sentimental.

To disguise its partiality, we were given a great deal of so-called hard information about day-care facilities, crèches and the achievement of carving a community out of the East African wilderness. This need to itemize is a common failing of those in a revolutionary situation, but the film-makers (South Africans living in Britain) should surely have remembered that the western intelligence, sapped by long exposure to soaps, serials and commercials, has a low boredom threshold.

Sandwiching the facts were interviews but these, rather than rescue the situation, worsened it. Students describing their harrowing experiences in South Africa all spoke a sort of liberation newspeak which gave off a disturbingly strong whiff of indoctrination, while the teachers spoke in a tone of embarrassing self-congratulation.

This was bad advertising. Somebody, somewhere along the line, seems to have forgotten that documentaries ought to probe and question. For instance, how seriously were we to take the claim that the school was producing a new South African for a new South Africa? And what did the film-makers think? Obvious questions, and not even particularly radical, but no one asked them.

The trouble with a put-up job like this is that one ends by throwing out the baby with the bathwater and dismissing everything. Honest and truthful content becomes stigmatized by association and the film *fails in its purpose*, which is communication with the unconverted. There is an argument that organizations like the ANC should not be criticized. But, no matter how valid the cause, programme-makers should never forsake their intelligence.

Carlo Gébler

Galleries

England's complexion

The British Face
Colnaghi

Scottie Wilson
Mayor/Gillian Jason/
Third Eye Centre,
Glasgow

The British Face? Is there, or was there ever, such a thing? No doubt it is more likely that something distinguishable as such existed during the period covered by the show called **The British Face**, at Colnaghi until March 29. But even between 1625 and 1850 the British were as motley and mongrel a crew as any in Europe, even though the successive waves of new arrivals had for the moment calmed down. All the same, the show as a whole is redolent of a quality which one can only call ... not even really British (despite the presence of a number of Scots and Irish and quite possibly Welsh), but English. And it cannot even be entirely a result of the Englishness of English art, since so many of the painters represented — Lely, Kneller, Trevisani, Mercier, Soldi, Batoni, Kauffmann, Rigaud, Danloux — were not in fact *British at all*, but merely worked at some stage in Britain or specialized *in painting the British abroad*.

No, if there is indeed a consistency, it must be a consistency in the thing painted. Maybe not all the portraits included are totally accurate renderings of their subjects, warts and all. But standards of beauty change, and are in any event rather local. The purposes of portraiture change too, and few before the nineteenth century seem to have cared too much whether they looked handsome or pretty, but rather whether their rank and riches and general importance were properly indicated. And certainly few of those commissioning portraits appear to have demanded anything too fancy or fanciful: a straightforward, reasonably recognizable picture, with maybe a touch of the locality discreetly indicated in the background, would do very nicely. Thus we are able to feel unexpectedly close to these people — even while we are wondering whether all the young women in the seventeenth century really had almond-shaped faces and improbably widely-spaced, brown-button eyes.

The other surprise is that our sense of closeness is constantly enhanced by the feeling that, for all the waves of differing colour which have recently been lapping our shores, you could still go out on any street and see people who looked just like this. The fresh, pink-and-white colouring (heightened by convention to a drunkard's rubicundity for children), the sometimes oddly lumpy features, with a heavy Hanoverian jaw, the sharp, questioning gaze (not a trustful race at all, one would say), the mobile mouth which may turn upwards into a boyish grin or downwards in hanging-judge severity — all of these can still be seen all round, and certainly on every British stage or screen. Actually, a number of National Theatre players seem to be here already, wearing a light period disguise.

Often the most striking individual portraits are by the admittedly lesser painters: Nathaniel Dance's *Thomas Assheton-Smith Esq.* for instance, with its humour and vulnerability, or Tilly Kettle's faintly effete *Portrait of a Gentleman*, or Mason Chamberlain's *George, 21st Earl of Crawford with Two of his Sons*, where the characters of all three leap at you off the canvas. Nor are the big names lacking: there are a splendidly unflattering pair of Lawrences, of *Sir Robert Wigram* and his wife, and enough Romneys to make one wonder how he will stand up to the big retrospective which must now surely be inevitable.

From mainline British art to almost as honoured British eccentricity. **Scottie Wilson** was a naive artist and sometimes, in his haunted quality, close to being that other kind of revered outsider, the lunatic artist. During his own lifetime he was much discovered — almost as enthusiastically as Alfred Wallis — and had at least one book devoted to him (Mervyn Levy's) which strongly emphasized the Surrealist connection and perhaps portrayed him as more knowing than he was. Or perhaps not; it is difficult to tell from the work. The appearance of a new book about him, *It's All Writ Out for You: The Life and Work of Scottie Wilson*, by George Melly (Thames and Hudson, £12.50), has encouraged no fewer than three shows, the most comprehensive being that at the Third Eye Centre in Glasgow (until March 22), but those in London at the Mayor Gallery until March 14 and at Gillian Jason until March 15 will certainly be enough for any newcomer to Wilson's work to get a fair idea.

For it is, when you come down to it, all much the same. George Melly gives us ample detail on Wilson's background, which was, to say the least of it, varied: born in Whitechapel of Russian Jewish immigrants, he was brought up in Glasgow, thrown into employment as a child with no conventional schooling, and was later in the army in India and South Africa and on the Western Front. Later still he lived for a while in Canada, running a general store in Toronto. And it seems to have been around this time that he started to draw. His qualification as a naive artist was double: he had never had any art training or gallery experience at all, and he had never learnt how to read and write. The work is virtually unique in true naive art (as opposed to psychotic) in that it does not attempt to render, however inadequately, external reality, but resolves itself entirely into decorative patterns, slightly suggestive of the decorations in gypsy caravans or on traditional canal barges.

Mr Melly, expert as he is on the later generations of (often very commercial) naive artists, cannot throw very much light on the deeper sources of Wilson's inspiration, or indeed perhaps convince us that there is any deeper source, despite the admiration of Dubuffet and André Breton. A lot of the drawings and paintings — they are mainly in strongly drawn black outlines, filled in with colour like a children's colouring book — suggest genuine folk-art, from a wide variety of sources, including American Indian totem beads he apparently saw while in Canada. Most of it is very bright and cheerful, but at times the demons evidently come and get him, and menace is always likely to peer out from behind the blandest decorations and poke a satanic tongue at us.

Taken one by one, the pieces are very interesting, quite often for essentially non-artistic reasons, and very easy to take. Collectively one may find that quite a little goes a long way.

John Russell Taylor



Faces recognizably with us still? — the humour and vulnerability of Dance's *Thomas Assheton-Smith Esq.*, and Romney's *Anne Verelst*, making us wonder how he will stand up to a major retrospective (details)

Theatre

Champion disintegration

The Boxer Benny Lynch
Tron, Glasgow

Benny Lynch's is a story close to the heart of Glasgow in many ways. Most Glasgow people remember Lynch the legend and many Lynch the man. It is the gap between the two (and its significance for him and his people) that emerges in Peter Arnott's play about the boxer who literally fought his way out of the Gorbals to become flyweight champion of the world and the city's hero in 1935 — only to die an alcoholic back on the streets a few years later.

In 12 short, tight scenes Arnott shifts us back and forth through Lynch's life, outlining the forces — social, political and psychological — that seem to have simultaneously engineered both his rise and his fall.

The picture of Lynch is drawn not so much psychologically from inside, but from outside: each scene a new round, showing him facing one of the key issues or moments in his life. So, as Lynch emerges as an exploitable commodity, adrift between classes, Arnott interweaves more general themes, each from several angles — particularly alcoholism, and hero-worship as a sell-out, personally for the hero, politically for the public.

In United Artists Scotland's production Lloyd Quinan's direction manages the episodic structure deftly, neatly linking the scenes but keeping them bright, taut and low-key to make the most of Arnott's ability swiftly to delineate characters and launch them into witty, crisp and entirely believable dialogue.

A terse, understated relationship is worked up between Lynch and his trainer, Sammy Wilson (played by Jake d'Arcy with resigned sternness), and, while sadly telling humour surrounds Lynch's first meeting with the cocktail set and his Gretna Green wedding (Robert Carr playing a wonderfully pragmatic "preacher" amongst other parts), his wife's account of leaving the lost, alcoholic Benny is unsentimental, direct and moving.

Here the tragedy of Lynch's disintegration does not diminish his real stature. Leonard O'Malley takes him from the witty, resilient chancer to a man trapped in the gap between himself and his image, aware of somehow being conned — his final throwaway question drawing out the relevance of Arnott's play.

Sarah Hemming

Concerts

BBCSO/Davis
Festival Hall/
Radio 3

Just like Halley's Comet, with which it seems to feel a certain affinity, Tippett's *The Mask of Time* has come back. The return of his latest *magnum opus*, after its Boston première in April 1984 and its London Proms début three months later, has, predictably, been lit by much celebration and many words. A full day of events — open rehearsal, films, discussions, interview — preceded its climactic third presentation on Sunday.

Words, from Shelley to Yeats, from Eliot to Akhmatova, are the generating system of this massive 10-part pageant for voices and instruments. They must, though, be eaten up by the music, insists Tippett; and, as they work their way deeper into performers and listeners, the process of assimilation certainly increases.

Sunday's performance revealed a new confidence, a new fluency and flexibility. Andrew Davis conducted the BBC Symphony Orchestra, Chorus and Singers as he did at the Proms: their responses were mercurial and passionate. Those of the soloists, Faye Robinson and John Cheek, already familiar with the work, and Sarah Walker and Robert Tear, were equally remarkable in meeting Tippett's ecstatic vocal writing with quick and deep understanding.

The sureness of Tippett's masterstrokes was surer still: the burning brass mirage of sun-rays, the exquisite ritual dance of flutes, harp and pitched percussion in the "Paradise Garden", the perfect fusion of idea and imaginative realization in "Hiroshima" and the instrumental preludes of "Whitening Light". But, even if the words were ever adequately digested (and of that I remain unconvinced), what nourishment is provided in the end?

The fact that there is so little satisfying musical progress or development may not be entirely disconnected from the fact that this Mask makes little place in its cerebral scheme of life for the regenerative power of love, human or divine. This, as the poet Andrew Marvell knew in addressing his Coy Mistress, was *the* way of not only toying and dallying with Time but playing it at its own game.

Hilary Finch

Bruno Leonardo Gelber
Wigmore Hall

It is still an ambitious pianist who elects to devote his entire recital to Beethoven sonatas. But Bruno Leonardo Gelber is a positive player, equipped with abundant intellect and the sensitivity to render with sometimes startling clarity the moods as well as the formal designs of this composer. He does it too with a personality that goes hand-in-hand with the music rather than overwhelms it.

His choice, perhaps wisely for a player still comparatively young even though enormously experienced, veered towards the earlier sonatas, none more successful than the earliest, the C major, Op 2 No 3. Gelber here showed all the exuberance that the composer's fertile fount of ideas demanded, his loudish, solid sound bringing out the celebratory resonances of the home key. His technique, too, served him well, particularly in the tricky finale, while his sense of harmonic line — for example in the Trio section of the Scherzo — always remained strong. Only in the slow movement did one feel the need for something more intense than he was able to offer.

Yet both here and in the C minor Sonata, Op 10 No 1, there was a certain improvisatory quality which aided the atmosphere of youthful vitality. At the same time in the later work Gelber played deep into the note, ensuring there was little hint of frivolity. Perhaps in the finale of the E flat Sonata, Op 31 No 3, the force of his playing was just a little too unrelenting, but he captured well the slightly elusive quality of the first movement. There could be few qualms about his magisterial reading of the latest work in his programme, the definitively middle-period E flat Sonata, Op 81a, "Les Adieux", however, for its tempestuous moods of sadness, despair and then unbridled joy were conveyed in a style whose very aggression spoke of a man spiritually well acquainted with the composer.

Stephen Pettitt

Camden Festival

Apartment House 1776
Diorama

So there I was, staring down from the second floor of its grey circling corridors into the hollow octagon of the Diorama near Regent's Park, hearing the turbid mix of sounds sloshing about below, when all of a sudden a light goes on across the melting pot, and a girl in vivid orange leans out from her window to sing, as I am leaning out from mine to listen to the strong, clear outlines of the Dutch folksong she flings out. It was a moment of musical communication, a scrap of intense colour leaping out of the mangled musical Plasticine: the kind of thing that is inclined to happen when one goes along to one of these Cage jamborees.

I had met a colleague leaving as I arrived, and asked him how the performance was going. "Oh, you know how Cage is." And so I do: instantly there was the image of recordings burbling forth, of instrumentalists solemnly playing the music of no-mind, of a litter of cigarette ends, white plastic beakers and unfinished *guacamole*, of an audience beached on cushions and of babes in Osh Kosh dungarees and Peruvian knitwear being dandled in the air of alternative culture.

It does not matter very much whether the "work" is *HPSCHD*, as it was at the Proms a decade ago, or *Roaratorio*, as it was in Islington three years back, or *Apartment House 1776*, as it was on this occasion (though for the record I should note that *Apartment House* was commissioned for the American Bicentennial, and that it is a monument to immigration: indigenous American, African and European music is heard from tapes, supplied here by the British Sound Archive, while the players — we had Circle conducted by Gregory Rose — offer strange dismantled versions of hymns and marches from 1776).

Why then does one keep going? It is for surprises like the one I described, and conversely for a comforting familiarity. One knows how Cage is. Dick Witts, responsible for music at the Camden Festival, cheerfully excused a late change in the venue as "somehow appropriate" for Cage, which suggests the awesome scale of the man's achievement.

A Beethovenian happening in one's life would have to be something special: a Schumannesque circumstance is barely imaginable. But just by making a hash of things one enters into the spirit of Cage.

Paul Griffiths

Opera

I vespri siciliani
Teatro Communale,
Bologna

No mature Verdi opera is in greater need of the wholehearted skill and confidence of its interpreters than *I vespri siciliani*, and nowhere is its rehabilitation more desirable than in Italy itself. The banality of Scribe's libretto, and Verdi's less than successful attempt to marry his musical inspiration to French operatic conventions of the 1850s, have generally been held as insuperable obstacles. The new Bologna production, which marks the début of Riccardo Chailly as music director of the Teatro Communale, challenges all that.

Chailly, with the help of the producer-designer team of Luca Ronconi and Pasquale Grossi and a well-chosen cast, brings *Vespri* to life as an example of Verdi's bloodthirsty Romanticism, less beautiful perhaps than its contemporaries in the Verdi canon, but more sophisticated than the work of his early career.

Chailly has in recent years been quietly establishing his Verdi credentials around Europe; he brings to *Vespri* his gift for fine-limbed musical drama, a sense of proportion and ear for lyrical detail, but above all the ability to pump the adrenalin of his orchestra and soloists. It was this air of excitement, of large-scale Verdian drama fleshed out with highly-exposed opportunities for vocal prowess, that gave *Vespri* such an unexpected air of distinction.

Chailly's incisive command was evident from the start, the orchestral attack in the overture highlighting the contrasts of brio and bombast in Verdi's melodies. In the arias, the vocal lines were linked with deft instrumental strokes; the shaping of the two great duets in Acts III and IV was a source of equal pleasure.

Even the paltry musical ideas of the grand ensembles, majestically dominated by the American soprano Susan Dunn, appeared transformed — though not even Chailly could hide the occasional crudity of invention in Verdi's staccato part-writing. Taken as a whole, however, the wells of Verdi's native Italian inspiration are — on this evidence — nearer the surface in *Vespri* than its reputation has sometimes allowed.



Susan Dunn, measuring up superbly to Elena on her Italian début, with the solemn Bonaldo Giaotti as Procida

Miss Dunn was making her Italian début at Chailly's invitation. Elena is one of the most difficult of Verdi's soprano parts to cast, requiring a true dramatic *soprano d'agilità*. It is no exaggeration to say that the young American matched its demands superbly. The voice has a fresh, pearl-like timbre, it is well supported and has an all-round evenness; the articulation of the coloratura flights was immaculate. Miss Dunn holds the stage well in the stand-and-deliver tradition, moving her ample figure with grace and economy.

After an unsteady start, Veriano Luchetti quickly improved and gave a properly burnished account of Arrigo's "Giorno di panto". Leo Nucci looked equally appropriate as Monforte though the part needs a voice of greater natural strength and individuality. Bonaldo Giaotti as Procida was no more than adequate: the bass wobble was all too evident and his solemn cloak and fez made him look more like a North African Fiesco than an aged revolutionary.

It was difficult to judge whether stage director or designer had the greater influence on the production. Ronconi was at his stylish and supportive best, using the stage as a spacious platform for lyrical drama and resisting the temptation to dress *Vespri* in any other than the clothes Verdi intended.

The setting was medieval and Mediterranean, with a warm outdoor atmosphere imparted to every scene through Grossi's glowing backdrops and verdant Sicilian foliage. In itself this was an example of a very Italian kind of stage artistry, but it was perfectly complemented by a set of sumptuous curtain-drapes, dimly decorated with medieval figures which allowed Ronconi to frame and partition the stage as he wanted: a very simple idea, but one that brought continuity, intimacy and a sense of theatre.

Andrew Clark

Nederlanders!

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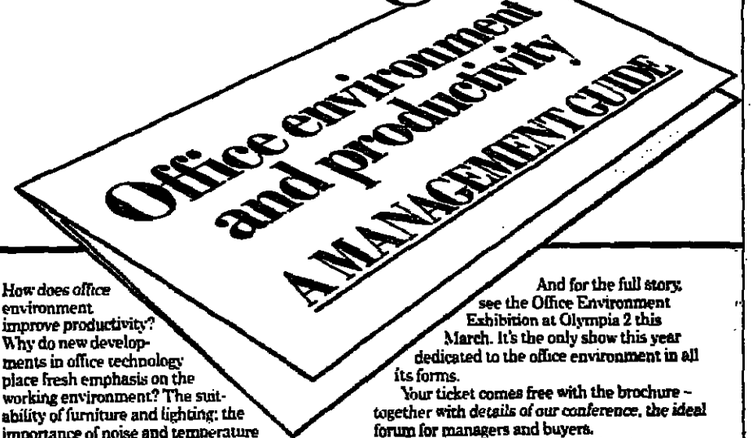
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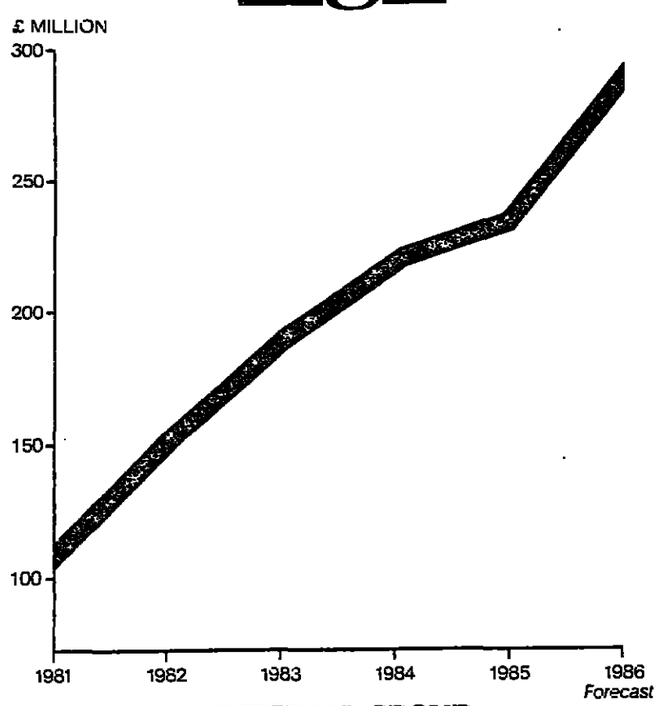
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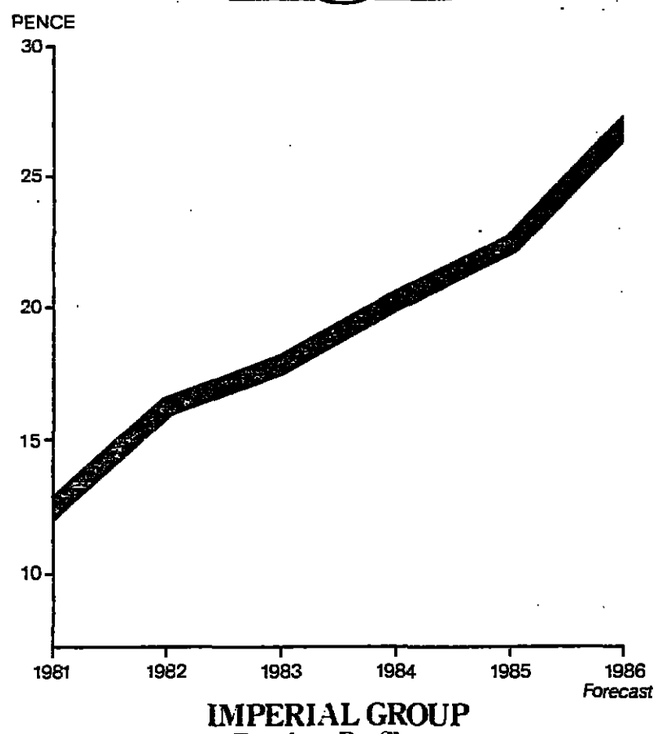
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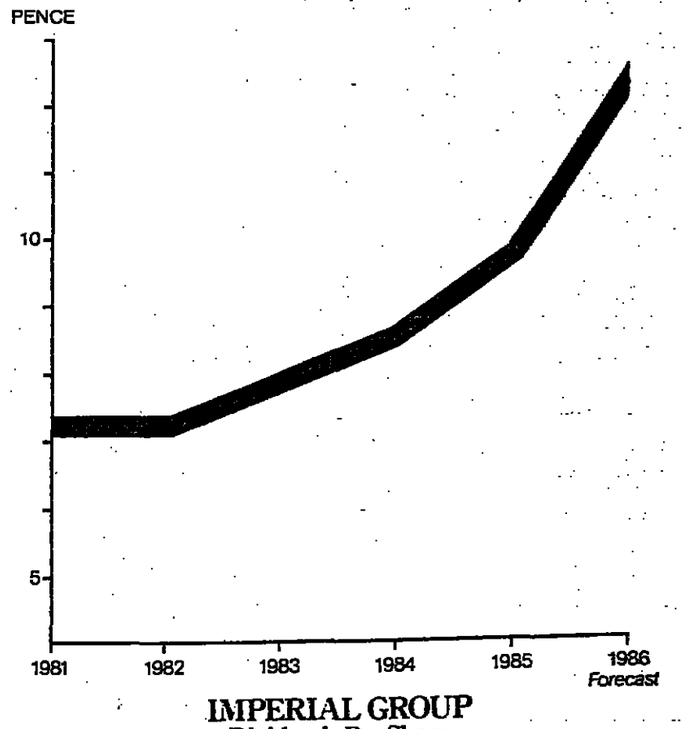
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Profit Before Taxation

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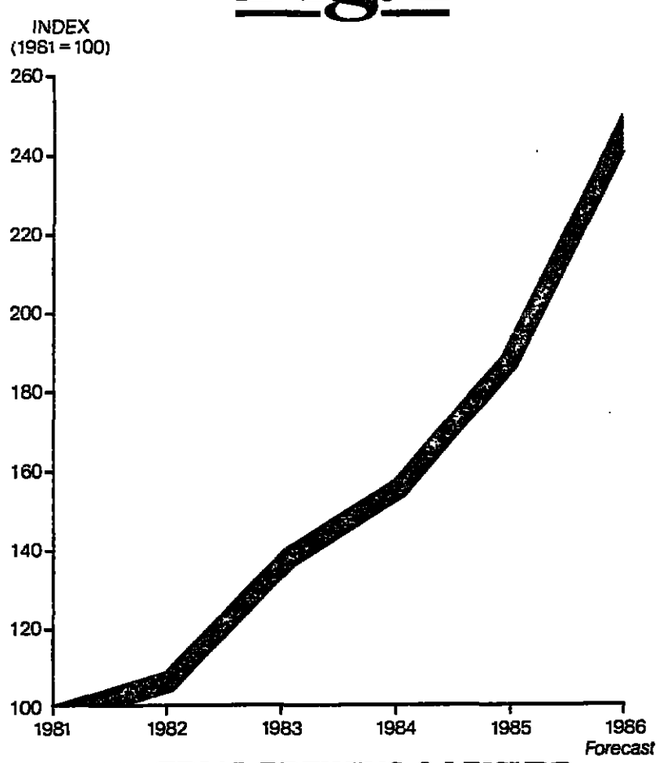
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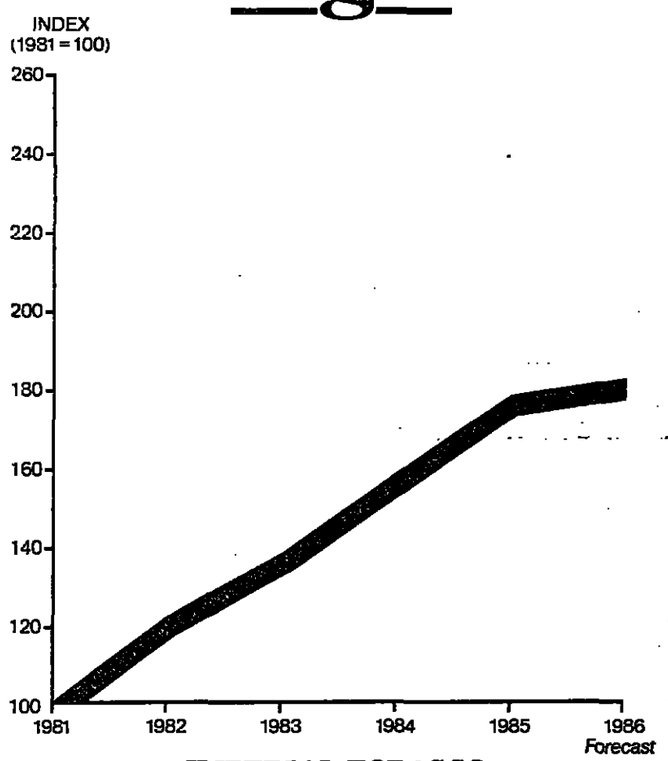
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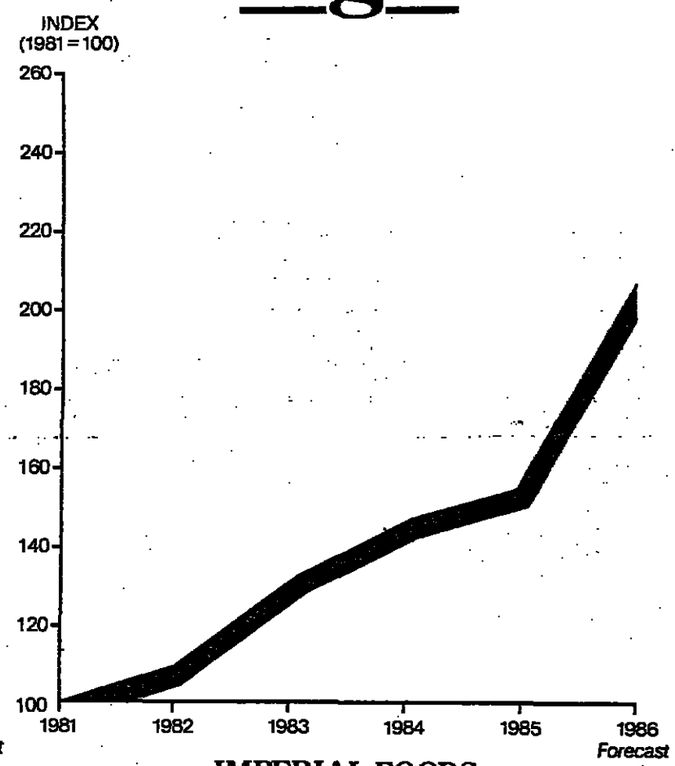
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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1267.4 (-10.0)

FT-SE 100
1534.9 (-9.0)

USM (Datastream)
115.25 (-0.31)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.4405 (-0.0115)

W German mark
3.1972 (-0.0350)

Trade-weighted
72.5 (-0.7)

Pound's slide hits hopes of cut in base rates

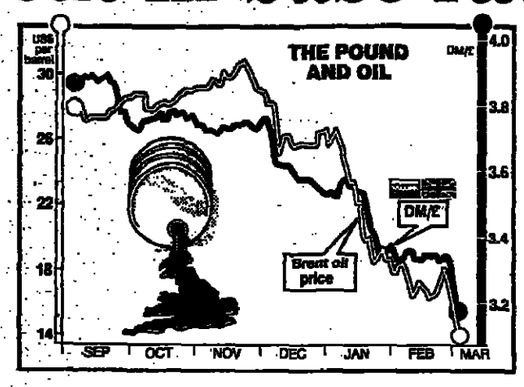
By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

A very weak pound fell to a new all-time low against the mark yesterday.. Although sterling steadied in afternoon trading, share prices fell on fears that the expected base rate cut around the time of the Budget will not now take place.

The FT 30-share index dropped by 10.3 points to 1267.1. Government stocks, initially down by more than half a point, showed modest losses of around ⅛ points at the close, helped by the strength of the US bond market.

Oil was the main factor hitting the pound. The price of Brent crude oil for delivery next month fell by 45 cents to $13.25 a barrel. The sterling index, down by a point at one stage, closed 0.7 down at 72.5, its lowest for a year.

The pound fell by 3.6 pfennigs to DM3.1968, below the important DM3.20 level. Technical analysts say the next importantsupport level for the pound is DM3.00. Against the dollar, the pound closed 1.17 cents down at $1.4405.



Money market interest rates closed up to ¼ points higher, in response to the pound's fall. Mr Mark Brett, currency economist at the stockbroking firm of de Zoete & Bevan, said: "There is no good reason for justifying a cut in base rates in current circumstances."

The pound's fall was limited by market suggestions that a round of international interest rate cuts, led by West Germany and Japan, is on the way. This also helped to stabilize the dollar yesterday.

The council of the West German Bundesbank meets on Thursday for its fortnightly meeting and could sanction a reduction in official interest rates, dealers believe.

Provisional cost of living figures for February, published yesterday, showed inflationary pressures at a very low level.

The cost of living index fell by 0.2 per cent in last month, to stand just 0.7 per cent up on a year earlier. Hopes of a cut in German rates also pushed down money market rates in the Netherlands.

Foreign exchange dealers are also wary of new official action to steady the dollar. A number of international meetings are to take place in the next few weeks at which recent sharp exchange rate changes will be discussed.

The Group of Ten industrialized countries are to meet on March 13-14. The G10 "deputies" meet partly to prepare the ground for the meeting of the interim committee of the International Monetary Fund early in April.

This will be followed by the ministerial meeting of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development in Paris on April 17-18, at which Japan appears determined to prepare the ground for a co-ordinated interest rate cutting strategy, to be rubber-stamped at the world economic summit in Tokyo early in May.

Dealers believe that any of these meetings could provide the forum at which a co-ordinated attempt to steady the present highly volatile currency markets could be unveiled.

Bid goes to court

The Rank Organisation is taking the Independent Broadcasting Authority to court for blocking its £740 million takeover bid for Granada.

Having asked, but receiving no "satisfactory response" as to why it was not being allowed to acquire the Granada television franchise, Rank said it would now seek a judicialreviewtoascertainifthe IBA was satisfactorily carrying out its duties under the 1981 Broadcasting Act.

The IBA had ruled that Rank could not exercise control of more than 5 per cent of the voting shares in Granada without its permission — which it refused to give.

Profits rise

British Vita yesterday reported a 17 per cent rise in pretax profits to £12.2 million and is lifting the total dividend from 6.2p to 7p a share.

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Brewery sale

Grand Metropolitan is selling its 78 per cent stake in Stern, the German brewery, to a private consortium for £14 million.

Gold search

Two Canadian companies are to begin drilling in the Loch Tay region, Highlands, in April, hoping to confirm at least one commercial gold zone.

Talks end

Home Charm has ended discussions which it had said might lead to offers for its entire issued share capital and convertible loan stock.

St Ives offer

St Ives, which has made its offer for the ordinary shares of Richard Clay unconditional, has made a recommended offer of 85p per share plus accrued dividend for Clay's 4.2 per cent preference shares.

Thorn sells

Thorn EMI has sold Teg Technischer Elektro Grosshandel, a West German electrical wholesaling business, for £6.1 million cash. Thorn EMI Television Rentals has declared unconditional its offer for the 6 per cent preference shares in Radio Rentals (Holdings) after receiving acceptances for 90.56 per cent of the shares.

$700m bid

Electrolux has made a cash offer to acquire all the oustanding common stock of White Consolidated Industries for $45 per share, which values the US company at just over $700 million (£488 million).

Hotel plan

British Land has formed a joint company with Friendly Hotels to build two and three-star hotels. British Land will provide 80 per cent of the finance for the £7.5 million required.

18-year best

In the 12 months to February, the cost of living in West Germany rose less than it had every year for the past 18. According to preliminary figures released yesterday, the 0.7 per cent inflation rate was due to a 0.2 per cent one-month fall in prices in February.

Share deal

London International, maker of household and industrial products, has bought all the issued share capital of Hamilton Tait, the Scottish photographic group, for a maximum of £600,000 plus 157,895 of its new shares.

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Nat Westminster	12½%
Royal Bank of Scotland	12½%
TSB	12½%
Citibank NA	12½%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

ITC stocks 'could be sold in a year' if tin price falls

By Michael Prest, Financial Correspondent

A sharp fall in tin prices could so restrict mine production as to allow TinCo, the company which, it is hoped, will take over the International Tin Council's obligations, to dispose of its stocks in a year, a leading metal broker has advised the ITC's bank creditors.

Mr Ralph Kestenbaum, managing director of Gerald Metals and one of the authors of the TinCo plan, told the banks that at a price of £5,500 a tonne, more than 60 per cent of the Western world's tin production of 174,000 tonnes a year would be uneconomic.

TinCo will acquire from the council more than 82,000 tonnes of obligations which, it is proposed, should be sold in three years.

His memorandum went on: "Thus the Newco (now called TinCo) stockpile would theoretically be required for consumption at the rate of 70,000 tonnes per annum at a price of £6,000 a tonne and would thus be disposed of in 15 months; at a price of £5,500 per tonne, the stock would be consumed in nine months."

But this view has been challenged as optimistic by other experts. They point out that supply and demand are barely balanced despite 55,000 tonnes of annual production being kept off the market by ITC export controls, that removal of these controls will tempt mines to produce at maximum capacity, and that companies may decide to operate with lower stocks

The pessimists argue that a great deal will depend on currency factors. If the South-east Asian currencies depreciate against the pound, the higher local currency prices in producing countries would induce mines to produce as much as possible, they say.

Consumer oil 'price drop soon'

The chairman of Texaco, Mr John McKinley, said yesterday that fuel prices to the consumer will soon drop to reflect the low world crude oil prices, but gave warning that the fall will not be as dramatic as that in the spot oil markets.

Mr McKinley said that the gap between prices paid for oil at the refinery and prices now being quoted on the world spot markets meant that consumers are not receiving the price cuts they feel are due. He said that prices for consumers will shortly "directionally reflect real crude prices".



John McKinley: expects fall soon

Last year Texaco supplied 6 per cent of the world's oil and its output of natural gas in the United States equalled the total for the North Sea. The company is one of the biggest operating in the North Sea. Its petrol stations take more than 10 per cent of the British petrol market, after Shell, Esso and BP.

Spot prices for North Sea crude are being quoted at about $13.40 for April delivery, but yesterday barrels being bought by refineries for immediate delivery — what the industry calls "wet" barrels — were selling for more than $17.

Mr McKinley said that price cuts to the consumer were never as dramatic as the falls seen in the spot markets, largely because oil passing through the refineries had been bought between 45 and 60 days before.

"The price is going down, but it is not going down at the same rate as is reflected by the futures prices."

He believes that the world price will level off at about that being seen in the spot markets and has already trimmed Texaco's planned spending this year by 10 per cent from $2.8 billion (£1.9 billion).

● Abu Dhabi yesterday cut the price of its best-selling Murban crude to contract customers from $24.95 in January to $16.65 in February.

BHP 'set to make Aus$1bn'

Broken Hill Proprietary has released figures showing it expects to earn Aus$1.03 billion (£481 million) in the year to May 31. The announcement is BHP's latest defensive effort against Mr Robert Holmes à Court's partial takeover bid.

The Australian Government has decided against launching an investigation into the Aus$3.5 billion bid.

An inquiry, advocated by some government officials and unions, would have stalled Mr Holmes à Court's bid indefinitely.

BHP said it decided to release the profit forecast because of uncertainty and market instability caused by both the Holmes à Court bid and slumping oil prices.

BHP, which had a record profit of Aus$774 million in fiscal 1985 said the prediction of Aus$1.03 billion for this year is Aus$60 million less than earlier forecasts because of a government decision to cut controlled domestic crude prices

For fiscal 1987, it said, the lower oil prices should bring a profit decline to Aus$980 million.

A government spokesman said a committee of ministers would discuss the future of the Australian steel industry

Bell Resources, Mr Holmes à Court's company, is offering Aus$7.70 a share for 50 per cent of each shareholder's stake in BHP. It is also offering an alternative of one Bell Resources share plus Aus$2.50 for each BHP share.

BHP shares closed at Aus$6.50 each on the Sydney Stock Exchange yesterday, up 6 cents from Friday. Bell Resources closed at Aus$4.40, down 5 cents from Friday.

April launch for Mercury Group

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

The date has at last been set for the formation of one of Britain's largest financial conglomerates.

It was announced yesterday that Mercury International Group will probably be formed on April 12 — although no final decision has yet been taken.

The group will be the result of the merger of Mercury Securities, Akroyd & Smithers, Rowe & Pitman and Mullens and Co. The new securities operation, headed by Mr Peter Wilmot-Sitwell and Mr Brian Peppiatt, will be known as Warburg Securities.

Although the different components of Warburg Securities are legally allowed to merge at this stage, Akroyd & Smithers, the jobber, and Rowe & Pitman, the stockbroker, will not be allowed to trade as a single operation until big bang in October.

Mercury International Group will also include the merchant bank, S G Warburg, which will continue to be chaired by Lord Roll and Mr David Scholey. The third arm of MIG, Mercury Asset Management, will be the investment management division.

At the same time, Mercury announced that it was buying a 50 per cent interest in Potter Partners & Co, an Australian stockbroking and equity underwriting firm.

Mercury is paying Aus$8 million initially for its stake and up to a further Aus$12 million after the first year, depending on results.

The purchase will enable Mercury to distribute Australian equities domestically within Australia. The staff in Potter's offices in London and New York will move into the offices of Rowak, to be formed from the merger of Rowe & Pitman and Ackroyd & Smithers.

Broadside by Haslemere

By Lawrence Lever

The £179 million bid for Haslemere from Rodamco, the Dutch property developer, moved up a gear yesterday with the issue of Haslemere's formal defence document. In this, Mr David Pickford, Haslemere's chairman, described the bid as "wholly unrealistic "and claimed that Rodamco's analysis of Haslemere and its arguments for accepting the bid were "misguided and ill-informed".

The much-awaited revaluation of Haslemere's property portfolio — effectively the lynchpin of its defence — establishes a net asset value of 728p per share, slightly below the value that market experts had expected. Haslemere's shares fell back slightly on the announcement, from 628p to 621p. The calculation of net assets reflects the inclusion of trading and development properties at valuation rather than book costs.

Mr Pickford described as "fallacious" Rodamco's argument that its 600p cash offer was generous in the light of the contingent tax liability that would be payable on disposal of its portfolio. He said that this had been taken into account in the case of trading stock, but not for other properties within the company, since tax would only arise on their disposal.

Distillers must pay Guinness £38m

By Michael Prest, Financial Correspondent

Distillers is committed to paying at least £38.7 million of the costs Guinness incurs in making its friendly £2.3 billion takeover bid for the Scotch whisky group, it emerged yesterday.

Details of the controversial agreement, which is the subject of a legal challenge by Argyll Group, the rival Distillers bidder, were spelled out in Guinness's formal offer document.

The costs will begin to rise again after March 21 at the rate of £2.1 million a week.

Distillers has agreed to pay the fees and expenses including certain advertising costs of the Guinness merger proposal.

But a clause which requires Distillers to indemnify Guinness against the sort of legal challenge to the agreement that Argyll has launched has been dropped.

Guinness's chief executive, Mr Ernest Saunders, defended the agreement, saying it was absurd to characterize it as "a poison pill" or "shark-repellant".

"This agreement was put in place to attract an offer which was considerably better for the company and had the added advantage of being significantly higher than anything else on the table," he said.

Meanwhile Guinness has reached agreement with a number of banks allowing it to resume purchases of Distillers shares in the stock market. A £111 million loan facility has been arranged with Allied Irish Bank, Australia New Zealand Banking Group and British Linen Bank, which will effectively allow the purchase of a further 5 per cent of Distillers shares on Guinness's behalf.

Morgan Grenfell, Guinness's established merchant bank, has been told by the Bank of England to stop buying shares on Guinness's behalf. The new facility will allow resumed purchases.

A judicial review of the Government's decision to lay aside a Monopolies Commission reference of Guinness's original bid for Distillers began yesterday.

Guinness now has a new offer on the table under which it proposes to sell off certain whisky brands to quell the Office of Fair Trading's fears about the effects of the merger on competition in the drinks market.

Mr Saunders said that there would be news about the sale of the brands shortly.

One interested purchaser is Grand Metropolitan, which already owns J & B Rare Whisky.

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Traders' hopes focus on the Bundesbank

Crunch points are beginning to loom for central banks all over the world in their dealings with respective bond and money markets. Either bond markets have been overbought, or central banks will be forced to give way on the interest rate front to the markets' pressure for lower rates. The latest hope for the traders is the Bundesbank,which mayor may notbe planning to cut its Lombard rate.

The two-way stretch shows up with vivid clarity in the US. Fed funds yesterday were firm, and showed no signs of easing from the most recent trading range of just under 8 per cent. Yet the long bond continued to move ahead. By mid-session it was well over ½ point ahead,and still steaming onwards. Lower oil prices may have helped. Brent crude prices slipped a further 30 cents. As extension premiums on the bonds,relative to money costs,continue to shrink, the Fed is either going to find itself coping with an inverted yield curve,with all which that implies in political termsabout tight money policies,or it will graciously cut the discount rate.

Doubtlessother possible outturns exist in the vast scheme of things, but cheaper money sounds like the other central banks' preferred way out of the dilemma. The Japanese again yesterday put in a plea for concerted cuts in rates.

The Bundesbank, by contrast, wheeled and dealed in market sentiment as if dealers had taken a correspondence course from the Bank of England. On the one hand, the new Federal Government bond emerged with a 6 per cent coupon, rather than the 5 per cent plus figure which traders had hoped to see, as an augur of cheaper rates on the way. But the bond was priced above par, giving it a yield on issue of 5.95 per cent, or new big figure territory. At the same time,the Bundesbank appeared to stress its tolerance of cheaper money costs by setting a minimum bid rate on its 29-day repurchase agreement of 4.3 per cent,the lowest level since the new money market regime started a year ago.Falls in the Lombard rate imminent?

Until late in the day,when gilts drew support from New York,London soent most of the day moving in a contrary direction to the rest of the world.Sterling weakness accounted in part for the ½ point markdown at the off in gilts: at Dm. 3.1925, sterling hit a record low against the German currency. Traders also registered their dislike of some of the more inspirational punditry around: long yields returned to double figures.

But it was also a desperately heavy day for the authorities in the money markets.A forecast shortage of £1.1 billion proved hard to shrift,and the Bank went into the market three times,as well as providing sale and repurchase facilities, to take the shortage out.Nonetheless, money rates rose,boosted as well perhaps by sterling weakness.Three month interbank increased by ⅛ point.

The problem with the current situation is the Bank of England"s old bogey.It has too many markets to survey at this critical juncture,and most of them are responding to different external stimuli. This confusion in turn renders policy incomprehensible,accounting for the UK's inability to keep up with the rest of the world.

Market traders scoff at the idea of EMS membership, especially yesterday's rumour that the Chancellor will reveal imminent membership on Budget Day.But if the Chancellor were to take this step,it would undoubtedly ease the problems in market management currently encountered by the Bank of England,as well as putting the gilt market a score of points better overnight.Crunch points,indeed!

Time to come clean

The current proposals, formulated by the Marketing of Investments Board, for sales of life insurance and unit trusts, are patently in need of sharpening, particularly in the area of diclosure of commissions earned on life insurance products.Since MIBOC published its consultative paper last December on the subject the main focus of interest has been upon the purist view proposed by MIBOC, namely that salesmen should fall into one of only two camps, the company representative acting for one company alone and the genuinely independent intermediary with allegiance to no particular company's products.The public should know exactly whom it is dealing with, say MIBOC.In particular it must be protected from what the British Insurance Brokers Association, in its evidence to MIBOC this week, called " today's greatest evil in the market"— namely the tied agent masquerading as an independent advisor.

But it is clear that there are limits on what the MIBOC element of the Securities and Investments Board want the public to be told.So-called company representatives will not have to disclose the level of commission that they stand to gain from the sale of a particular product; they merely have to reveal their status and the fact that they were not able to offer independent advice.

This rings admirably in the cosy corridors of life insurance head offices.In practice and in the front room of the unsuspecting and unitiated consumer it is pure fantasy.Life knsurance salesmen as a breed are not made in the MIBOC image.



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WALL STREET

New York (AP-DJ) – A weak blue chip sector prevented the Dow Jones industrial average from climbing to another peak as prices finished mixed in extremely heavy trading on Wall Street.

The average fell 4.93 to 1,709.06, although towards the end of trading it had been *10 points behind*.

Most of the broader market indices edged to record highs as 193.6 million shares were traded. This was up from 181.7 million on Thursday.

It was the heaviest trading day this year and, based on preliminary volume figures, the fourth busiest session in the history of the exchange.

The Dow Jones industrial average was weighed by a continuing weakness in *International Business Machines*, which slumped 4⅞ to 151 on big board volume of 2.8 million shares.

	Feb 28	Feb 27
AMR	53	51½
ASA	35¾	36⅛
Allied Signal	51½	51⅝
Allied Strs	74¾	74½
Allis Chlmrs	3¾	4¼
Alcoa	44½	45¼
Amax Inc	13½	13⅜
Am'rda Hs	23½	23½
Am Brands	76½	73¼
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Am Can	77	74½
Am Cynm'd	66	65
Am El Pwr	26½	25⅞
Am Express	65¾	66¼
Am Home	71½	71⅝
Am Hospital		
Am Motors	3½	2⅞
Am St'nrd	43	42⅞
Am Teleph	22½	22⅜
Amoco	58	59⅞
Armco Steel	10⅝	11¼
Asarco	20⅞	2⅛
Ashland Oil	43¼	43½
At Richfield	52¾	53⅜
Avon Prods	31	30
Bkrs Tst NY	41¾	39¼
Bankamer	17½	17⅛
Bk of Bston	71⅞	70⅛
Bank of NY	59⅝	59½
Beatrce Fds	46⅝	46⅝
Beth Steel	20	19⅝
Boeing	53⅞	53⅛
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Brden	57⅞	56⅛
Bg Warner	29½	28⅛
Brist Myers	17½	69⅜
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Burl'ton Ntn	77¾	78¼
Burroughs	67⅞	69¼
Cmpbell Sp	52	51½
Can Pacific	12½	12⅛
Caterpiller	50¾	50
Celanese	192½	197⅛
Central SW	31½	30½
Champion	27½	27⅞
Chase Man	43½	42¼
Chm Bk NY	47½	47¼
Chevron	36⅛	36⅛
Chrysler	56⅞	57¼
Citicorp	54⅝	53⅛
Clark Equip	23¾	23⅛
Coca Cola	96⅛	97¼
Colgate	35	34½
CBS	138½	126¼
C'lmbia Gas	39	39½
Cmb'tn Eng	35¾	35
Comwlth Ed	35	34⅞
Cons Edis	41⅝	41¾
Cn Nat Gas	47⅛	47½
Cons Power	12½	12⅜
Cntrl Data	23½	23⅛
Corning Gl	69½	69
CPC Intl	57⅞	56
Crane	47	48
Crn Zeller	45¼	45½
Dart & Kraft	47	47
Deere	30	31⅞
Delta Air	41⅞	41½
Detroit Ed	19	18⅛
Digital Eq	168	171¼
Disney	139½	135⅝
Dow Chem	48⅝	49⅞
Dresser Ind	18⅛	18⅝
Duke Power	39⅝	39½
Du Pont	72	71⅞
Eastern Air	6⅝	6⅞
Estm Kodak	56	56⅛
Eaton Corp	75¼	76⅛
Emerson El	88¼	88¼
Evans Prod		

	Feb 28	Feb 27
Exxon Corp	52⅝	52⅛
Fed Dpt Sts	74¼	73¾
Firestone	25½	25⅛
Fst Chicago	32¾	31½
Fst Int Bncp	58½	58¼
Fst Penn C	9⅝	8½
Ford	71⅛	72
FT Wachva	38⅞	38¼
GAF Corp	67⅜	68¼
GTE Corp	50⅝	49½
Gen Corp	74½	75⅛
Gen Dy mcs	76⅝	75
Gen Electric	77⅝	77⅛
Gen Inst	20½	20¼
Gen Mills	69¼	68½
Gen Motors	77¾	79¾
Gn Pb Ut ny	19⅝	19½
Genesco	3½	3⅛
Georgia Pac	29⅞	29¼
Gillete	18½	80⅜
Goodrich	43⅝	43⅛
Goodyear	35¼	34⅛
Gould Inc	23⅛	28¼
Grace	48⅜	51¼
Gt Atl & Tac	22⅞	22⅛
Gr hnd	35	34⅛
Gruman Cor	24⅝	24⅞
Gulf & West	58⅝	56⅞
Heinz H.J.	35½	34⅝
Hercules	45⅝	45⅛
H'lett-Pkrd	43⅜	43⅞
Honeywell	76¼	77½
IC Inds	44⅛	44
Ingersoll	64¼	65¼
Inland Steel	25⅛	26⅛
IBM	151	155⅞
Int Harvtr		
INCO	14½	14⅝
Int Paper	57⅞	57⅛
Int Tel Tel	44⅝	45
Irving Bank	50¼	50⅝
Jhnsn & Jhn	50	49⅞
Kaiser Alum	16⅝	16⅝
Kerr McGee	28½	28⅝
Kmb ly Clrk	81	77⅝
K Mart	39⅜	39¼
Kroger	46⅛	46
L.T.V. Corp	7⅛	7⅛
Litton	84¼	84¾
Lockheed	55⅛	54
Lucky Strs	25¾	25⅞
Man H'nver	48⅝	47½
Manville Cp	6⅝	6⅜
Mapco	38⅞	38
Marine Mid	48	46
Mrt Marietta	37⅞	38⅜
Masco	52½	50
McDonnell	78¼	78¼
Mead	48⅝	48⅝
Merck	150⅝	152½
Minsta Mng	98½	97⅛
Mobil Oil	29	29⅝
Monsanto	59½	58⅝
Morgan J P.	72	71⅛
Motorola	43⅝	43⅝
NCR Corp	44⅝	45⅛
NL Indstrs	13¼	14⅝
Nat Distlrs	37½	38
Nat Med Ent	21⅝	21
Nat Smcndt	13⅝	14⅛
Norfolk Sth	88½	89
NW Bancrp	32½	33⅛
Occidnt Pet	26½	26⅛
Ogden	31⅛	30⅞
Olin Corp	39⅛	40½
Owens-Ill	64¼	63⅞
Pac Gas El	22⅛	22½
Pan Am	8½	8⅛
Penney J C.	64⅝	63⅞
Pennzoil	55⅝	56½
Pepsico	77	76⅛

	Feb 28	Feb 27
Pfizer	55⅝	52½
Phelps Dge	25¼	26
Philip Mrs	104¼	106
Phillips Pet	10⅝	10⅛
Polaroid	66⅛	65⅛
PPG Ind	61⅝	58⅝
Prctr Gmbl	69	66½
Pb S E & G	38	37⅝
Raytheon	59	59
RCA Corp	62	61⅛
Rynlds Met	38	45⅛
Rockwell Int	40	40⅛
Royal Dutch	67⅝	69
Safeways	36¼	36
Sara Lee	59⅛	57¼
SFE Sopac	38⅝	38⅛
SCM	73¼	73⅞
Schl'berger	30½	30⅞
Scott Paper	59⅛	59⅞
Seagram	54	53
Sears Rbck	44½	44⅞
Shell Trans	41½	42
Singer	48⅝	49¼
Smithkln Bk	82⅛	83¼
Sony	19⅝	19⅛
Sth Cal Ed	29⅞	29⅛
Sperry Corp	52	53⅞
Std Oil Ohio	49	51½
Sterling Drg	39⅛	40⅞
Stevens JP	33⅝	33⅞
Sun Comp	48½	47¼
Teledyne	356½	354¼
Tenneco	37	37⅞
Texaco	30	30
Texas E Cor	31⅞	34
Texas Inst	127½	128
Texas Utils	34⅞	34½
Textron	59⅞	58
Travlrs Cor	53¼	53⅝
TRW Inc	98⅝	98½
UAL Inc	58⅝	58¼
Unilever NV	139⅜	140¼
Un Carbide	96⅝	97½
Un Pac Cor	50	50¾
Utd Brands	24⅞	24⅛
US Steel	23¼	23⅛
Utd Technol	53¼	53⅞
Unocal	22½	23
Jim Walter	51⅞	51¾
Wrner Lmbt	49⅝	49⅞
Wells Fargo	80¼	80
W'stghse El	49	49⅞
Weyerh'ser	36⅝	36½
Whirlpool	64⅝	64⅞
Woolworth	68⅝	68
Xerox Corp	70⅝	70½
Zenith	23⅝	23⅛

CANADIAN PRICES

Abitibi	n/a	23⅛
Alcn Alum	n/a	46⅝
Algoma Stl	n/a	17⅛
Bell Tele		
Can Pacific	n/a	17⅝
Cominco	n/a	11⅛
Con Bathrst	n/a	24⅝
Gulf Oil	n/a	15⅝
Hkr/Sid Can	n/a	23⅝
Hdsn B Min	n/a	24½
Imasco	n/a	25⅝
Imperial Oil	n/a	45⅛
In Pipe	n/a	38⅝
Mass-Ferg	n/a	283
Ryl Trustco	n/a	28⅞
Seagram	n/a	75
Steel Co	n/a	18⅝
Thmsn N 'A'	n/a	27¼
Wlkr Hram	n/a	28¼
WCT	n/a	14⅝

● Ex div a Asked c Ex distribution h Bid k Market closed n New issue p Stock split t Traded y Unquoted

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range February 28	Market rates close February 28	1 month	3 months
N York	1.4470-1.4710	1.4515-1.4530	0.60-0.57prem	1.64-1.58
Montreal	2.0677-2.1007	2.0677-2.0742	0.08-0.19dis	0.22-0.04
Ams'dam	3.6276-3.6902	3.6520-3.6587	2¼-2prem	6-5¾
Brussels	65.76-66.92	65.91-66.13	18-8prem	46-34
C'phgen	11.8656-12.0385	11.9749-11.9981	6¼-4⅞prem	14¼-11¾
Dublin	1.0695-1.0787	1.0695-1.0705	46-93dis	128-223
Frankfurt	3.2224-3.2683	3.2296-3.2358	2⅛-2⅜prem	6¾-6
Lisbon	210.47-215.89	210.47-212.14	235-610dis	555-1500
Madrid	204.15-206.39	204.15-204.51	35prem-15dis	25-105
Milan	2184.90-2226.30	2195.12-2202.75	9-17dis	31-40
Oslo	10.1736-10.2672	10.1736-10.2131	¼-1dis	2⅛-3½
Paris	9.8866-10.0460	9.9283-9.9530	1¼-3¾dis	5-7¾
St'khlm	10.3927-10.5234	10.3927-10.4180	1½-½prem	3¼-1½
Tokyo	260.46-265.27	261.53-262.34	1½-1¼prem	4¼-4
Vienna	22.65-22.93	22.65-22.69	12⅛-10⅝prem	33⅝-29⅝
Zurich	2.7247-2.7595	2.7381-2.7433	2⅛-1⅞prem	5¼-5⅛

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down at 73.2 (day's range 73.2-74.1).

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

The pound had a bad day on currency markets, dropping more than 3 cents on its *previous close to end at* $1.4522 ($1.4832). Sterling's value against the mark also fell sharply to 3.2327 (3.2990), dropping more than 10 pfennigs in two days.

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.3670-1.3700
Singapore	2.1525-2.1545
Malaysia	2.4910-2.4930
Australia	0.6990-0.7000
Canada	1.4210-1.4260
Sweden	7.1550-7.1650
Norway	6.9850-6.9950
Denmark	8.1700-8.1800
West Germany	2.2190-2.2210
Switzerland	1.8750-1.8770
Netherlands	2.5050-2.5080
France	6.8250-6.8300
Japan	179.80-179.90
Italy	1508.5-1511.5
Belgium(Comm)	45.40-45.50
Hong Kong	7.8020-7.8040
Portugal	146.50-147.50
Spain	140.50-141.50
Austria	15.66-15.68

*Lloyds Bank International

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	1.1672-1.1703
Australia dollar	2.0871-2.0923
Bahrain dinar	0.5530-0.5570
Brazil cruzeiro*	N/A
Cyprus pound	0.7460-0.7560
Finland marka	7.4050-7.4450
Greece drachma	202.50-204.50
Hong Kong dollar	11.398-11.414
India rupee	17.90-18.50
Iraq dinar	N/A
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4130-0.4170
Malaysia dollar	3.6393-3.6461
Mexico peso	640-690
New Zealand dollar	2.7855-2.7991
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.3530-5.3930
Singapore dollar	3.1448-3.1510
South Africa rand	2.8902-2.9047
U A E dirham	5.3840-5.4240

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 12½
Finance House 12

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 12½ Low 10
Week fixed: 12⅛

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying		Selling	
2 mnth	12⅛	2 mnth	12⅛
3 mnth	11⅞	3 mnth	11⅞

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 12⅝-12⅛ 2 mnth 12⅛-12⅛
3 mnth 11⅞-11⅞ 6 mnth 11⅝-11⅞

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 12⅛ 2 mnth 12⅛
3 mnth 12⅛ 6 mnth 11⅝

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 12⅝ close 8
1 week 12¾-12⅝ 6 mnth 12⅛-12
1 mnth 12⅛-12⅝ 9 mnth 11⅞-11⅞
3 mnth 12⅝-12⅛ 12 mth 11⅝-11¾

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 12⅝ 7 days 12⅝
1 mnth 12⅝ 3 mnth 12⅛
6 mnth 11⅞ 12 mth 11½

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mnth 13¼-13 2 mnth 13⅛-13⅛
3 mnth 13-12⅝ 6 mnth 12¾-12⅝
9 mnth 12⅝-12⅛ 12 mth 12⅜-12⅛

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mnth 12⅝-12⅛ 3 mnth 12¾-12⅝
6 mnth 11⅞-11⅞ 12 mth 11½-11⅜

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mnth 7.70-7.65 3 mnth 7.70-7.65
6 mnth 7.70-7.65 12 mth 7.85-7.80

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar
7 days 7⅞-7⅝ call 8⅝-7⅝
1 month 7⅞-7⅞
3 months 7⅞-7⅞ 6 months 7⅞-7⅞

Deutschmark
7 days 4⅝-4⅝ call 5-4
1 month 4⅝-4½
3 months 4⅝-4⅞ 6 months 4⅝-4⅞

French Franc
7 days 9⅝-9⅝ call 9⅝-8⅝
1 month 15¾-14¾
3 months 14⅝-14 6 months 13¾-12⅝

Swiss Franc
7 days 2⅝-2 call 2⅝-1⅝
1 month 3⅝-3⅝
3 months 4-3⅝ 6 months 4-3⅝

Yen
7 days 6⅝-6⅝ call 6-5
1 month 6⅞-6⅞
3 months 6⅞-5⅞ 6 months 5⅝-5⅝

GOLD

Gold:$336.75-337.25
Krugerrand* (per coin):
$ 337.50-339.00 (£233.00-234.25)
Sovereigns* (new):
$ 81.00-82.00 (£55.75-56.50)
*Excludes VAT

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period January 8, 1986 to February 4, 1986 inclusive: 13.077 per cent.

Quotations on this page relate *to Friday's trading.*

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Mar 86	87.94	87.94	87.76	87.76	317
Jun 86	88.77	88.85	88.64	88.66	1350
Sep 86	89.30	89.33	89.28	89.15	154
Dec 86	89.66	89.66	89.60	89.49	121
Previous day's total open interest 11753					
Three Month Eurodollar		Previous day's total open interest 19958			
Mar 86	92.21	92.36	92.19	92.25	1032
Jun 86	92.39	92.56	92.37	92.39	4841
Sep 86	92.33	92.52	92.32	92.33	694
Dec 86	92.15	92.35	92.15	92.18	240
US Treasury Bond		Previous day's total open interest 3715			
Mar 86	94-30	96-17	94-08	94-27	1222
Jun 86	94-10	95-31	93-10	94-00	7809
Sep 86	N/T				0
Short Gilt		Previous day's total open interest 827			
Mar 86	98-04	98-08	98-00	97-62	414
Jun 86	98-31	98-36	98-26	98-22	180
Sep 86	N/T				0
Long Gilt		Previous day's total open interest 9496			
Mar 86	114-18	115-18	114-18	114-28	924
Jun 86	115-18	116-22	115-15	115-24	3901
Sep 86	N/T			116-12	0
Dec 86	N/T			116-12	0
FT-SE 100		Previous day's total open interest 1604			
Mar 86	155.50	155.60	153.60	153.90	430
Jun 86	156.55	156.55	155.40	155.60	36

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE
Rubber in p per kilo: Soyabean meal, coffee and cocoa in £ per tonne; Gas-oil and sugar in US$ per tonne.
G W Joynson and Co report

RUBBER
Unq'ted
Vol. Nil

SUGAR (Raw) No.6
March unquoted
May 160.2-60.0
Aug 167.0-68.4
Oct 170.4-70.0
Vol: 644

SUGAR (White)
All months unquoted
Vol:

COCOA
March 1552-45
May 1546-45
July 1578-77
Sept 1605-04
Dec 1627-26
March 1653-52
May 1668-65
Vol: 5800

COFFEE
March 2575-68
May 2640-36

July 2715-10
Sept 2765-60
Nov 2820-2795
Jan 2860-50
March 2890-60
Vol: 6129

SOYABEAN
April 134.2-34.0
June 131.0-30.5
Aug 128.4-28.0
Oct 129.7-29.3
Dec 131.8-31.3
Feb 133.0-32.3
April 134.5-31.1
Vol: 827

GAS OIL
March 173.50-25
April 147.25-00
May 141.00-40.50
June 138.00-37.50
July 137.50-00
Aug 142.00-38.75
Sept 143.50-42.50
Oct 147.00-45.00
Nov 152.00-43.00
Vol: 7717

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices
Official Turnover figures
Price in £ per metric tonne
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolf & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE
Cash 990-992
Three months .. 1007.00-1008
Vol 15500
Tone Firm

STANDARD CATHODES
Cash 975.00-980.00
Three Months 1000-1005
Vol Nil
Tone Idle

TIN
Cash Suspended
Three Months
Vol
Tone

LEAD
Cash 257.00-258.00
Three Months . 266.00-266.50
Vol 5300
Tone Steady but quiet

Zinc Standard
Cash 410.00-420.00
Three Months Nil
Vol Nil
Tone Idle

Zinc High Grade
Cash 423.00-424.00
Three Months . 435.00-436.50
Vol 4350
Tone Steadier

Silver Large
Cash 384.5-385.5
Three Months 396.5-397.5
Vol Nil
Tone Idle

Silver Small
Cash 384.5-385.5
Three Months 396.5-397.5
Vol Nil
Tone

Aluminium
Cash 790.50-791.50
Three Months . 815.00-815.50
Vol 6700
Tone Firmer

Nickel
Cash 2825-2835
Three Months 2890-2895
Vol 384
Tone Steady

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on February 27

GB: Cattle, 98.20p per kg lw (+0.62)
GB: Sheep 208.01p per kg est d c w (+16.96)
GB: Pigs, 77.56p per kg lw (+1.85)

England and Wales:
Cattle nos. down 11.1 %, ave. price, 98.63p(+0.51)
Sheep nos. down 0.8 %, ave. price, 206.71p(+14.95)
Pig nos. down 13.2 %, ave. price, 77.61p(+1.89)

Scotland:
Cattle nos. down 7.2 %, ave. price, 98.23p(+1.22)
Sheep nos. down 9.1 %, ave. price, 212.23p(+23.30)
Pig nos. up 16.2 %, ave. price, 75.26p(+0.15)

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
March	115.95	113.00
May	118.70	116.25
July	119.80	—
Sept	99.85	97.90
Nov	102.85	101.50
Jan	106.40	105.25

Volume:
Wheat 481
Barley 72

Pig meat
p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
March	Unq'ted	102.5
April	104.5	104.9
May	Unq'ted	103.5
June	102.9	103.0
July	102.0	102.0
Aug	101.6	101.5

Vol: 14

LONDON POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
April	96.00	96.30
May	103.50	103.50
Nov	78.50	78.30
Feb	86.80	86.00
April	98.50	98.50

Vol: 709

BALTIC FREIGHT INDEX
G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd report $10 per index point

	High/Low	Close
April 86	855.0-850.0	853.0
July 86	765.0-760.0	760.0
Oct 86	861.0-855.0	855.0
Jan 87	—	895.0
April 87	—	942.5
July 87	—	807.5
Oct 87	—	903.0
Jan 88	—	910.0

Spot:737.0
Vol: 188 lots

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
104	87	Afiso	103	● ..	3.1r	3.0	39.9
700	580	Alliance	696	..	26.1n	3.7	33.2
155	118	Amer Trust	140	+1	4.3	3.1	35.3
321	245	Ang Amer Sec	321	+3	8.9	2.8	49.2
163	123	Ashdown	163	● ..	4.4	2.7	51.8
130	88	Atlantic Assets	108	..	0.8	0.7	..
111	83	Bankers	110	-1	3.9r	3.5	41.4
194	152	Berry	180	+1	1.5	0.8	..
58	47½	Br Assets	58	..	2.7	4.7	32.4
33¾	25	Br Empire Sec	32	..	0.7	2.2	43.8
395	312	British Inv	395	+12	20.9r	5.3	24.2
87	64	Brunner	87	●+1	3.1	3.6	40.5
80	72	Charter Agency	80	●+1	3.3r	3.7	32.8
730	525	Commercial	730	+5	30.0r	4.1	34.8
178	119	Crescent Japan	164	● ..	0.5	0.3	..
116	97	Derby Inc	115	● ..	12.0	10.4	13.7
127	95	Do Cap	115				
330	264	Drayton Cons	321	+1	14.3	4.5	31.6
153	112	Drayton Far East	152	● ..	1.6	1.1	..
515	348	Drayton Japan	515	●+3	1.4	0.3	..
528	363	Drayton Premier	510	..	18.2	3.6	39.8
199	160	Dundee Lon	192	+2	7.7	4.0	34.2
118	89	Edin Amer Asset	109	..	0.9	0.8	78.4
138	103	Edinburgh	138	-1	4.8r	3.4	45.8
320	254	Electric Gen	320	+4	5.6r	1.8	72.7
144	114	English Intl	144	+2	5.0	3.5	42.6
93	65	English Scot	93	+2	2.0	2.4	48.7
122	91	English NY	121	●+1	3.6	3.0	47.8
131	85	Ensign	131	..	2.0	1.5	72.8
97	78	F & C Alliance	96	+1	2.5	2.6	54.2
166	122	F & C Pacific	165	+1	1.8r	1.1	57.0
253	188	Family	253	+3	11.3r	4.5	36.6
295	242	First Scot Amer	295	+1	14.3	4.8	28.3
185	80	First Un Gen	120	..	8.7	7.3	10.1
590	415	Fleming American	528	●+3	8.2	1.6	81.1
316	235	Fleming Claver	316	●+14	14.5	4.6	30.4
302	233	Fleming Enterprise	302	●+14	12.9	4.3	36.9
109	76	Fleming Far East	97	+1	1.5	1.5	95.0
118	100	Fleming Fledgling	118	●+1	3.6	3.1	45.4
564	405	Fleming Japan	564	+2	5.7	1.0	..
133	105	Fleming Mercantile	133	+1	4.3	3.2	43.2
134	100	Fleming Overseas	129	●+1	3.9	3.0	42.7
163	120	Fleming Tech	162	+2	3.3	2.2	64.7
358	268	Fleming Universal	357	..	7.1r	2.0	43.6
79	59	For Col	79	..	2.1	2.7	52.3
121	91	GBC Capital	100	..	..	..	..
185	115	GT Japan	144	●+2	2.0r	1.4	98.6
146	97	General Funds	142	●+2	2.8	2.0	67.9
295	230	General Cons	295	●+5	15.9r	5.4	25.9
125	103½	Glasgow Stock	124	●+1	3.3	2.7	50.6
330	251	Globe	329	..	14.5	4.4	31.5
145	110	Govett Atlantic	136	+1	4.0	2.9	42.4
161½	127	Govett Oriental	158	-1	3.3	2.1	59.6
209	152	Govett Stratgy	209	+2	5.1	2.4	59.4
278	202	Greenfriar	278	●+6	2.4	0.9	..
275	220	Gresham House	245	..	8.3	2.6	30.2
183	138	Hambros	183	+1	6.1	3.3	42.7
282	228	Hill (P)	282	+2	13.8	4.9	28.9
573	448	Invest-in Success	573	+3	8.2	1.4	88.4
254	208	Inv Cap	249	●+7	6.6	2.7	63.2
62	41	Japan Assets	53½	+½	0.1	0.2	..
202	162	Law Debenture	202	+2	8.8r	4.3	29.7
86	58	Lon Merchant Sec	58	..	3.2	5.5	14.9
89	66	Lon Trust	87	..	6.1n	9.1	22.7
110	86	Merchants	110	..	5.4r	4.9	36.8
181	133	Monks	181	+1	3.4r	1.9	80.8
137	106	Murray Income	137	+1	7.7n	5.6	25.4
153	112	Murray Intl	153	..	7.1	4.6	32.6
251	163	Murray Small	251	+2	3.9n	1.6	..
338	268	Murray Ventura	338	+2	7.9	2.3	55.4
408	354	New Court	396	..	20.4	5.2	27.5
77	56	New Darien Oil	57	-1	0.5	0.9	..
178	143	928	174	..	6.7	3.9	31.7
54	37	Nwthrop Inc 83	50½	..	4.2r	8.3	16.0
243	157	New Tokyo	219	● ..	1.1	0.5	..
324	246	Nth Atlantic Sec	313	..	4.9	1.6	87.2
123	70	Nth Sea Assets	70	..	0.7	1.0	81.4
310	227	Nthn Amer	310	..	7.7	2.5	56.7
157	126	Outwich	157	..	4.4	2.8	45.5
101	62	Pacific Assets	72	..	..	..	..
43	30	Do Wrnts	36	..	..	..	..
48	32	Personal Assets	38	..	0.3	0.8	..
375	292	Raeburn	375	+5	15.0	4.0	38.0
156	125	River & Merc	156	● ..	8.6	5.5	28.7
244	198	River Plate	241	..	12.1	5.0	33.5
233	169	Robeco	226	+2			
198	150	Rolinco	194	+1			
295	226	Romney	295	●+5	7.1	2.4	45.2
13	10	Rorento	£13	+¼			
124	96	St Andrews	124	● ..	4.1	3.3	42.0
327	235	Scottish	327	● ..	8.5	2.6	56.4
288	211	Scot American	286	● ..	9.7r	3.4	40.2
98	73	Scot Eastern	99	..	2.9	2.9	48.7
448	345	Scot Mtge	446	..	10.7r	2.4	55.0
274	204	Scot Nat	273	..	6.9	2.5	51.1
420	354½	Scot Merc 'A'	420	..	25.0	6.0	21.1
606	500	Second Alliance	606	● ..	24.8n	4.1	31.1
147	108	Sec Of Scotland	147	+1	6.9r	4.7	34.9
78	61	Smaller Cos	76	..	1.7r	2.2	43.3
38½	32	Stewart Enterp	38½	..	0.6	1.6	..
100	76	TR Australia	83	-1	3.1	3.7	39.2
106	76	TR City Of Lon Dfd	106	● ..	5.6r	5.2	30.3
178	137	TR Ind & Gen	178	+2	5.4r	3.1	46.7
256	197½	TR Natural Res	217	..	10.7	4.9	27.6
111	79	TR North America	96	..	2.6r	2.7	48.7
145½	111	TR Pacific Basin	139	+1	1.4r	1.0	..
160	129	TR Property	160	..	5.3	3.3	39.8
107	79	TR Tech	105	+1	2.5	2.4	57.9
156	124	TR Trustees	156	+1	6.3r	4.0	36.4
147	111	Temple Bar	147	● ..	7.6	5.2	28.3
270	211	Throgmorton	270	●+1	11.9	4.4	32.3
333	248	Throg Secured Cap	318	..	..	..	..
172	137	Trans Oceanic	172	+3	5.5	3.2	43.1
125	103	Tribune	125	●+1	3.9	3.1	35.8
83½	72½	Triplevest Inc	83½	+1	14.7	17.6	8.9
242	188	US Debenture	242	+1	9.3r	3.8	38.5
82	52	Viking Resources	53½	-½	2.2r	4.1	42.5
65	51	Westpool	64	● ..	2.2	3.4	48.0
110	84	Winterbottom Energy	88	● ..	3.3	3.8	37.4
185	139	Witan	185	+2	4.2	2.3	66.1
303	259	Yeoman	303	●+3	13.7r	4.5	31.2

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
645	260	Akroyd & Smithers	645	+5	25.8	3.9	15.7
57½	28¼	American Express	£45⅛	+1⅝	..	..	
48	19	Argyle	42	●-4	1.4	3.3	22.8
95	33	Boustead	33	-1	..	..	88.2
155	88	Britannia Arrow	144	-2	6.0	4.2	15.3
17⅞	850	Daily Mail	£17½	+⅛	69.3	3.8	12.4
17⅛	850	Do 'A'	£17⅛	+⅛	69.3	4.0	12.2
142	113	Electra	139	+1	5.4	3.9	35.4
102	73	Eng Trust	102	● ..	4.0	3.9	14.1
248	176	Erco	239	-5	4.5	1.9	19.1
85	60	Exploration	83	..	3.0	3.6	14.7
460	350	Framlington	460	+10	7.1	1.5	21.4
96	58	Frost Gp	90	..	5.7	6.3	12.4
105	44	Goode (D & M)	96	● ..	2.5	2.6	28.7
11⅛	578	Henderson Admin	£11⅛	..	25.7r	2.2	17.8
198	163	ICH	188	..	12.9	6.9	7.7
405	300	MAI	365	+5	22.9	6.3	9.6
875	368	M & G	780	●-10	21.4	2.7	23.7
369	217	Mercantile House	339	●-8	18.9	5.6	9.1
113	75	Pacific Inv Tst	84	+½	0.5	0.6	77.1
41	16	Do Warrants	21				
211	93	Smith Brothers	197	-2	9.3	4.7	23.0

The prices on this page refer to Friday's trading.

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0345 717373 (Linkline)				
Gilt & Fixed	112.1	118.6●	+1.5	10.12
High Inc Equity	86.4	91.9●	+2.0	5.38
Worldwide Bond	174.3	186.4●	+3.9	5.20
American Growth	149.5	159.0●	+0.3	0.78
Asian Pacific	41.6	44.7	-1.0	2.80
Assets & Earns	91.5	97.8	+1.9	1.62
Capital Reserve	60.0	60.1●	-1.3	1.68
Comm & Energy	63.0	67.4●	-2.2	1.81
European Capital	75.3	80.1	+0.4	1.87
General	129.5	138.4●	+2.8	3.07
Japan	59.9	64.0	+1.9	
UK Growth Inc	83.8	90.1	-0.2	1.71
Do Accum	119.9	128.9	-0.4	1.19
US Emerging Co's	57.6	61.9	-1.6	0.42
Equitas Progress	186.7	198.8	+3.6	3.58
Mastertst Acc	55.3	58.8	+0.3	1.70
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre Swindon SN1 1EL 0793 610366 & 0793 28291				
First Trust	208.8	222.4●	+5.9	3.44
Growth & Income	126.3	134.5	+3.4	3.41
Capital Trust	222.0	236.4	+6.2	2.78
Balanced	337.5	359.4	+9.2	3.28
Accum Trust	513.5	546.9	+11.3	3.11
American Income	29.6	31.5●	+0.1	4.29
High Income Tst	227.8	242.6c	+2.0	5.06
Equity Income	124.1	132.2●	+3.4	4.95
High Yield	133.7	142.4	+4.7	5.82
Govt Secs Trust	29.0	30.2	+0.7	9.54
International	70.2	74.8●	+1.1	1.34
Japan Fund	74.9	79.8	-1.8	0.01
Pacific Trust	129.2	137.6	+0.9	1.30
Amer Spcl Sits	64.0	68.2	+0.5	1.20
Secs Of Amer Tst	197.9	210.8	+2.7	0.66
Ald Asset Value	205.6	219.0	+3.8	3.45
ARBUTHNOT SECURITIES 131, Finsbury Pavement, London EC2A 1AY 01-628 9876 01-280 8540/1/2/3				
Capital Growth Inc	54.3	58.0	+1.4	1.82
Do Accum	60.8	65.0	+1.6	1.82
Eastern & Intl	102.6	109.7●	-0.5	1.82
Do 6% Wmdrawal	54.9	58.7●	-2.0	1.82
Finance & Property	55.6	59.4	+0.3	2.44
Gilt & Fixed Income	46.7	49.1●	+1.9	8.88
Do Accum	76.8	80.8●	+2.5	8.88
High Income Income	66.6	71.2●	+1.1	5.72
Do Accum	154.3	165.0●	+2.2	5.72
High Yield Income	65.8	70.3●	+0.2	8.45
Do Accum	170.9	182.7●	+3.6	8.45
Intl Accum	66.5	71.1	-0.6	2.62
Do 5% Wmdrwl	63.2	67.5	-0.7	2.62
Managed Fund	57.0	60.1	+0.8	
Preference Income	26.6	28.4	+0.3	11.38
Do Accum	83.1	88.8	+0.9	11.38
Smaller Co's Accum	129.7	138.7	+2.6	1.63
World Penny Share	9.2	9.8	+0.2	1.40
Portfolio Tst UK	72.5	75.1	+2.0	1.68
Portfolio Tst Japan	71.6	74.2	+3.3	0.10
Portfolio Tst US	71.6	74.2	-0.6	1.07
Portfolio Tst Europe	90.8	93.8	+1.1	0.10
Portfolio Tst HK	39.5	40.9	-2.2	0.10
BAILLIE GIFFORD 3, Glenfinlas St Edinburgh EH3 6YY 031-225 2581 (Dealers 031-226 6066)				
Intl Ex (22)	378.8	394.7●	-0.9	1.28
Japan Ex (43)	275.9	287.9●	+31.7	0.30
UK Ex (31)	188.7	200.8	+11.9	1.24
P'sal Pens Intl	368.8	388.2		
P'sal Pens UK	161.2	169.6	+14.4	
BG America	150.3	159.9	-3.7	0.59
BG Energy	112.9	120.2	+1.3	1.89
BG Income Grwth	176.1	187.4●	+5.8	5.22
BG Japan	126.7	134.8	+3.1	0.00
BG Technology	161.8	172.2	-1.0	1.95
BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS 25/26 Albemarle Street, London W1X 4AD 01-491 0295				
American	48.3	51.7●	-0.8	0.85
Australian	18.0	19.3	-0.6	3.00
Japan & General	76.1	81.4	+2.7	0.21
High Income	41.7	44.6c	+0.5	8.04
International Trust	69.8	74.7	-0.4	1.18
Income Growth Tst	43.7	46.8●	+0.7	4.48
Gilts & Fixed Int	19.1	20.5	+0.2	11.50
Global Markets	33.3	35.7	+0.1	2.10
Special Situations	40.2	43.0	-0.7	1.56
BARCLAYS UNICORN Unicorn House 252, Romford Rd E7 01-534 5544				
America	83.7	89.0	+0.9	2.34
Aust Accum	126.9	134.9	-5.1	1.86
Do Income	92.7	96.4	-3.7	1.86
Capital	64.5	68.6●	+1.4	3.21
Exempt Trust	398.3	423.7	+11.9	4.00
Extra Income	67.8	72.1	+1.8	5.65
Financial	213.9	227.5	+3.0	3.26
500	239.5	254.7●	+5.4	3.35
General	130.4	138.7	+3.2	3.18
Gilt & Fixed Inc	51.8	54.2●	+1.1	10.00
Japan & Gen Inc	120.1	127.7c	+1.2	0.48
Do Acc	121.2	128.9c	+1.2	0.48
Growth Accum	166.9	177.5c	+2.9	2.63
Income Trust	306.2	325.7●	+8.7	3.78
Leisure Trust	74.6	79.3●	+0.4	1.64
Special Situations	128.5	136.7	+2.2	2.80
Recovery	172.4	183.4	+3.3	2.74
Trustee Fund	100.6	107.0	+2.5	3.13
Univ Tech Accum	49.6	52.7	+0.9	0.84
Do Income	49.3	52.4	+0.9	0.84
Worldwide Trust	134.1	142.6●	+0.5	1.19
B. Tst Inv Fund Acc	297.7	316.6	+7.0	3.50
Do Inc	195.2	207.6	+4.6	3.50
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156 Beckenham Kent BR3 4XQ 01-658 9002				
Australia	48.3	51.6	-1.8	0.80
Eastern	42.4	45.3●	-1.7	0.60
Europe	94.4	100.9●	+2.2	0.90
Growth & Inc	59.1	63.5●	+1.7	2.30
Do Accum	89.2	95.9●	+2.5	2.30
First Japan	61.6	65.8	+2.6	0.30
Japan Special	75.8	81.0●	+2.9	0.30
Japan Sunrise	71.8	76.7	+0.4	0.30
First Smaller Co's	59.6	64.0●	+0.6	2.70
First Europe	84.8	90.8	+2.1	0.80
First N Amer	46.9	50.1	-1.2	3.40
BARRINGTON MANAGEMENT 59 Gresham St London EC2P 2DS 01-606 4433				
Planned Inv	108.8	115.8	+1.0	2.11
European Inc	76.5	80.3	+0.9	1.37
Do Accum	93.7	98.3	+1.2	1.37
General Inc	141.4	150.5	+4.2	3.72
Do Accum	191.5	203.7	+5.7	3.72
Gilt Yield Inc	111.9	115.4c	+3.6	9.63
Do Accum	172.1	177.5	+4.7	9.63
High Yield Inc	77.3	82.3	+2.4	6.13
Do Accum	150.6	160.3	+4.7	6.13
Japan Income	180.8	192.0	+3.2	0.26
Do Accum	181.4	[illegible]	+3.1	0.26
N American Inc	45.3	48.3	-0.3	0.97
Do Accum	52.4	55.8	-0.3	0.97
Pacific Income	103.1	108.6	-1.0	0.56
Do Accum	115.9	121.9	-1.2	0.55
Smlr Co's Inc	67.0	71.3	+1.0	2.16
Do Accum	78.7	83.8	+1.1	2.16
BRITANNIA UNIT TRUST 74-78 Finsbury Pavement London EC2A 1JD 01-588 2777 Dealing 01-638 0478/9 MoneyGuide 0800-010-333				
Growth Gilt	56.8	57.5	+0.4	0.64
Intl Recovery	98.1	104.5	+2.7	2.15
Smaller Co's	128.9	137.5●	+3.1	1.53
UK Growth	35.4	38.8	+0.9	2.03
Extra Inc	56.7	60.5●	+0.8	7.51
Gilt	25.7	27.1	-0.5	7.70
Inc & Growth	190.9	203.6	-5.7	4.32

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Nat High Inc	188.6	201.2	+5.5	4.76
Pref Shares	18.7	19.9●	+0.3	9.89
Commodity	127.5	136.0	-1.3	2.83
Financial Secs	40.8	43.5	+0.3	2.37
Gold & Gen	19.7	21.2	+0.1	2.89
Int Leisure	15.6	16.8		0.71
Prop Shares	54.7	58.3c	+0.2	1.45
Univ Energy	40.5	43.2●	+0.7	0.90
World Tech	43.5	46.4	-0.1	0.67
Amer Growth	96.0	102.4c	+0.2	3.25
Amer Income	57.7	61.5	+0.8	5.84
Amer Smaller Co's	24.0	25.6	+0.3	1.66
Aust Growth	62.5	66.7	-2.4	0.53
Euro Smaller	13.2	14.1	+0.2	0.41
Far East	36.4	38.8		1.23
Hong Kong Prf	22.8	24.3●	-0.9	3.63
Intl Growth	31.9	34.0	+0.2	2.08
Japan Perf	47.3	50.5●	+3.4	
Japan Smaller	13.7	14.6	+0.5	
Exempt	75.3	78.9	+2.1	3.82
Exempt Market	64.7	67.7		4.14
BROWN SHIPLEY 9-17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458144				
BS Fund Income	55.2	59.0●	+1.0	4.26
Do Accum	92.5	98.9●	+1.7	
Financial	111.7	120.1●	+1.4	2.12
Growth Accum	176.0	188.4	+5.0	
Do Income	113.5	121.5	+3.2	2.01
High Income	59.1	63.5c		7.04
Income	70.7	76.0	+2.0	5.84
North American	57.7	62.1	+0.7	1.20
Orient	61.4	66.0	+1.7	0.20
Recovery	34.0	36.6	+2.1	3.31
Technology	132.6	142.6	-1.3	0.60
German	29.7	31.6	-0.4	2.00
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT 01-588 2868				
General Inc (4)	192.8	202.7	+5.9	3.36
Do Accum (4)	303.3	319.3	+9.3	3.36
Income Fund (3)	93.1	98.1	+3.4	4.81
Do Accum (3)	160.0	168.4	+5.8	4.81
Intl Inc (2)	111.2	116.2●	+1.1	2.14
Do Accum (2)	147.0	153.6●	+1.3	2.14
Smaller Inc (5)	967.9	1032.1	+28.8	3.14
Do Accum (5)	£10.22	10.88	+0.30	3.14
CS FUND MANAGERS 125, High Holborn, London WC1V 6PY 01-242 1148				
CS Japan Fund	62.8	66.8	+3.5	0.32
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1, Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB 01-902 8876				
Growth	264.4	281.3	+9.1	3.13
Income	302.1	321.4	+10.2	4.63
Far East	144.0	152.6	+3.3	0.68
North American	134.8	143.2	..	0.83
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT 100, Old Broad St, London EC2N 1BQ 01-621 0011				
Capital (3)	331.9	349.4	+11.3	1.88
Income (3)	263.0	276.9	+12.5	4.81
North American (3)	253.0	266.4	-4.8	1.49
CATER ALLEN 1, King William St, EC4N 7AU 01-623 6314				
Gilt Trust	98.7	105.4●	+1.7	11.52
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENG 77 London Wall EC2 1DB 01-588 1815				
Inv Fund	366.05		..	4.64
Fixed Int	132.55		..	10.79
Deposit	100.0		..	11.70
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 77 London Wall, London EC2N 1DB 01-588 1815				
Income	328.86	c	..	5.36
Accum	937.77			
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0272 277719				
General Equity	35.3	37.6	+1.1	
Equity High Income	37.5	39.9●	+1.2	
Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	27.3	29.1	+0.7	
Index Securities	23.7	25.3	+0.2	
COUNTY BANK UNIT TRUSTS 161 Cheapside, London EC2V 6EU 01-726 1999				
Capital Accum	261.0	277.6	+5.0	1.64
Energy Trust	40.8	43.4●	-0.5	5.87
Extra Income	149.0	158.5	+4.2	5.50
Financial	135.5	144.1●	+1.6	2.57
Gilt Strategy	54.9	56.5	+0.7	1.59
Growth Investment	261.6	278.2	+5.9	2.71
Income & Growth	37.7	40.1●	+1.1	4.75
Japanese & Pacific	111.4	118.5	+4.9	0.01
Nth Amer Growth	97.3	103.5	+0.9	1.73
Nth Recovery	102.3	108.8●	+1.2	2.06
Smaller Co's	184.9	196.6●	+2.5	2.48
Global Inc Tst	51.8	55.0c	+0.2	6.33
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 04862 5033				
High Income Trust	218.5	231.5	+6.8	5.53
Growth Trust	207.7	222.1●	+6.6	3.24
American Trust	120.8	129.2	-1.3	0.77
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ 0242 521311				
UK Balanced Inc	62.4	66.6	+2.0	3.00
Do Accum	62.4	66.6	+2.0	3.00
UK Growth Accum	66.9	71.4	+1.7	1.75
UK High Inc Inc	60.9	65.0	+2.2	5.38
N American Accum	62.2	66.3	+1.2	1.51
Far Eastern Accum	61.3	65.4	+2.5	0.76
European Accum	65.6	69.9	+0.6	1.25
UK Gilt & FI Inc	50.7	54.1	+1.3	9.24
Do Accum	50.7	54.1	+1.3	9.24
EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 4 Melville Crescent, Edinburgh 031-226 3492				
American Fund	65.6	70.6	+0.1	2.42
Capital Fund	80.1	85.7	+2.1	1.98
Growth & Inc Fund	120.7	129.1●	+3.3	4.45
High Dist Fund	96.0	102.7	+2.8	6.57
International Fund	169.1	180.9	+0.9	1.24
Resources Fund	19.0	20.3	-0.1	2.22
Smlr Jap Co's Fnd	27.5	29.4	+0.1	0.10
Tokyo Fund	114.8	122.8	-1.2	0.20
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD Iveagh House, 41, Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 01-373 7261				
Endurance	96.2	102.9		3.40
EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION 35 Fountain St Manchester 061-236 5685				
Equitable Pelican	69.4	73.9	+1.2	3.46
High Income Trust	66.3	70.6	+1.3	5.53
Gilt & Fixed Int	50.3	53.6	+1.6	8.90
Tst Of Inv Trusts	59.9	63.8●	+1.0	1.89
Special Sits Trust	70.3	74.8	+1.1	2.53
Nth Amer Trust	50.4	56.9	+0.6	1.96
Far Eastern Trust	61.1	65.0	+2.0	0.83
EQUITY & LAW St. George Hse Corporation St Coventry CV1 1QD 0203 553231				
UK Growth Accum	137.2	145.9	+3.1	3.62
Do Income	120.7	128.3	+2.7	3.62
Higher Inc Accum	217.4	231.2	+6.5	4.98
Do Income	178.0	189.3	+5.4	4.98
Gilts/Fixed Accum	95.5	100.5c	+2.1	2.88
Do Income	81.7	85.9c	+0.6	2.88
Nth Amer Tst Accum	129.8	138.0	-2.0	0.23
Far East Tst Accum	109.7	116.6	+2.6	0.72
Euro Tst Accum	131.3	139.6c	+1.8	0.98
General Trust	215.1	228.8	+3.8	2.98

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F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT 1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA 01-623 4680				
American Fund	70.9	75.9	-1.3	0.27
Capital Fund	103.1	110.3	+0.6	0.44
Income Fund	73.3	78.5	+2.4	5.00
Far Eastern Fund	61.0	65.3	+0.1	0.43
Overseas Income	53.8	58.3	+0.7	3.89
Fixed Interest	55.6	58.9	+1.9	9.34
Natural Res Fund	46.0	49.3	+0.8	4.01
European Income	63.1	67.5●	+2.4	3.64
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS 190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA 041-332 3132				
Balanced Gth Inc	34.44	366.4	.	2.20
Do Accum	347.5	369.7		
Income Gth Inc	34.2	38.4	.	7.00
Do Accum	35.0	37.2		
Service Co's Inc	35.9	38.2	..	1.90
Do Accum	36.2	38.5		
FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY 0732 362222				
American	95.8	102.5	+1.0	0.77
Amer Equity Income	31.3	35.5●	+1.2	5.01
Amer Special Sits	49.2	52.4	+1.7	0.43
Far East Inc	28.5	30.4	-0.2	4.05
Gilt & Fixed Int	29.3	30.6	+0.8	9.34
Growth & Income	91.2	97.5	+3.3	4.52
Japan Special Sits	30.7	32.7●	+0.7	
Japan Trust	90.0	95.8	+3.2	
Managed Intl Tst	118.6	126.9c	+2.4	0.39
Max Income Equity	68.8	74.0c	+1.8	5.41
Professional Gilt	30.7	32.7●	+0.7	2.63
South East Asia Tst	25.2	26.9	-1.0	0.47
Special Sits	136.1	145.6	+3.8	1.15
FLEMING (ROBERT) 8, Crosby Sq, London EC3A 5AN 01-638 5858				
American Exempt	£344.6	352.2	-4.90	1.32
Japan Exempt	£279.5	288.3●	-9.29	1.35
Am Property Tst	$10795.0		..	7.75
Property Trust	£2087.0		..	6.10
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall London EC2M 5NQ 01-628 5181				
Amer & Gen Inc	222.2	236.2	-1.3	0.56
Do Accum	226.8	241.2	-1.6	0.56
Amer Turnarnd Inc	210.2	223.8	+1.1	1.20
Do Accum	216.8	230.6	+1.3	1.20
Capital Tst Inc	185.4	197.2	+2.9	2.98
Do Accum	221.4	235.4	+3.5	2.98
Conv & Gilt Inc	83.0	88.2	+2.3	8.23
Do Accum	108.4	115.2	+2.9	8.23
Extra Inc Tst Inc	142.8	151.6●	+4.3	4.78
Do Accum	151.8	161.2●	-4.4	4.78
Income Trust	109.0	115.8	+4.1	4.42
Do Accum	113.0	120.2	+4.0	4.42
Intl Growth Fd Inc	151.8	161.4	+0.2	0.00
Do Accum	188.6	179.2	+0.4	0.00
Japan & Gen Inc	65.0	69.0●	+0.8	0.08
Do Accum	65.8	70.0●	+1.1	0.08
Monthly Inc Fd	70.2	74.6●	+2.9	5.02
Recovery	123.4	131.2●	+4.1	1.95
Do Accum	133.4	141.8●	+4.3	1.95
European Inc	48.4	51.4	..	0.98
Do Accum	48.4	51.4	..	0.98
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey 0306 885055				
FP Equity Dist	189.7	200.9	+4.6	2.80
Do Accum	313.2	331.7	+7.6	2.80
FP Fixed Int Dist	107.6	114.9	+2.4	6.25
Do Accum	119.8	128.0	+2.7	6.25
Stewardship Dist	155.8	165.0	+4.6	2.23
Do Accum	160.3	169.7	+4.8	2.23
FUNDS IN COURT Public Trustee, Kingsway, WC2 01-405 4300				
Capital	325.6	336.9	+21.8	2.84
Gross Inc	138.3	141.0	+4.3	8.23
High Yield	193.0	200.0●	-3.2	6.41
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ 01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431				
UK Cap Fnd Inc	91.0	97.4●	+4.9	2.60
Do Accum	129.8	138.9●	+7.2	2.60
Income Fund	74.2	79.4●	+0.2	6.60
Pension Exempt	148.6	155.7●	+3.6	2.40
International	135.7	145.2●	+0.4	1.00
US & General	55.1	59.0		1.40
Tech & Growth	63.6	68.1	-3.1	1.00
Japan & General	164.3	175.8	+4.8	0.30
Far East & Gen	73.4	78.6	-0.7	1.00
European Fund	210.0	224.7●	-0.4	0.70
Germany Fund	59.1	63.3	-2.1	1.00
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS 2 St Mary Axe London EC3A 8BP 01-623 1212 Dealing 01-623 5766 Dealing 01-623 5806				
American Trust	90.9	97.3	-1.6	0.00
Australian Trust	18.7	19.8	-0.7	0.44
British Tst Accum	49.8	53.6●	-1.2	2.32
Do Dist	43.7	46.9●	-1.1	2.32
Commodity Share	55.9	59.5	+1.2	1.28
European Trust	43.5	46.5●	+0.3	0.71
Extra Income Trust	44.4	47.5	+1.1	5.28
Far Eastern Trust	94.8	101.2	+2.4	0.42
Fixed Interest Fund	25.0	26.7	+0.5	10.18
Gilt Trust	23.0	24.3	+0.4	10.01
Global Fund Accum	143.9	153.1	+2.0	0.28
Do Dist	137.1	145.9	+2.0	0.28
Gold Share Trust	13.8	14.8	+0.4	1.95
Hedged American	28.5	30.4	-0.1	0.10
High Income Trust	124.2	132.9●	+2.8	5.50
Hong Kong Trust	25.2	26.9●	-1.1	0.93
Income Fund	66.1	70.8●	+1.5	3.68
Insurance Agencies	£42.85	46.33	+0.71	2.19
Japan Trust	104.7	111.4	-3.0	0.00
Managed Exempt	248.4	258.8	+4.5	3.28
Oil & Energy Trust	32.4	34.5●	+1.8	1.04
Special Sits Trust	83.6	89.5	-3.8	1.10
UK Smlr C's Rec Tst	63.2	67.7	-1.4	1.04
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Winchester Hse 77, London Wall London EC2N 1DA 01-588 5620				
Intl Growth	71.2	76.1	+0.7	1.81
American Growth	60.8	65.0●	+1.1	1.60
American Inc	65.4	69.9●	-0.3	5.88
European Growth	169.6	181.3	+2.2	0.24
Gold & Minerals	42.6	45.5	-0.9	1.87
Japan Growth	120.7	129.0●	+2.7	0.-
Pacific Income	61.5	65.7●	-0.8	3.73
UK Special Opps	75.9	81.6●	+2.4	2.22
GRE UNIT MANAGERS Royal Exchange EC3P 3DN 01-588 9903				
Gilt & Fixed Int	113.9	118.4●	-2.1	9.70
Growth Equity	195.5	208.0	+5.3	2.74
Guardhill	281.6	291.8●	+5.4	3.05
N American	131.1	139.5	-3.2	2.14
Pacific	157.9	168.0	-0.1	0.60
Property Share	216.6	230.5●	+1.1	1.79
Smaller Companies	191.3	203.6	+5.6	1.82
European Trust	195.6	208.3	+0.6	0.39

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GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ 01-623 9333				
High Income	50.0	53.7●	+0.6	5.89
N Amer Trust	110.1	117.1	-2.8	0.84
Recovery	170.3	181.2	+4.3	2.74
Gilt Trust	37.8	38.9●	+1.1	9.62
St Vincent Inc	76.1	78.5●	+0.9	5.96
St Vincent US Gth	70.5	73.5●	-2.2	0.80
Temple Bar Sm Co's	141.7	149.5		3.85
HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Premier UT Admin, 5, Rayleigh Rd, Brentwood Essex 0277 217916				
Hambros Smlr Co's	110.7	117.8●	+3.2	2.20
Hambros N Amer	65.0	69.1	-0.6	0.98
Hambros Jap & F E	87.8	93.4	+1.3	0.48
Hambros Scandvn	68.2	72.5	-0.3	1.06
Hambros European	84.3	89.7	-1.2	1.03
Hambros Canadian	42.2	44.9	-0.8	1.78
Hambros Equity Inc	76.8	81.7	+2.2	4.82
Hambros High Inc	53.6	57.0c	+0.9	5.89
Hambros Res Assts	53.6	57.0●	+1.0	3.11
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION Premier UT Administration 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton Brentwood Essex 0277-217238				
Special Sits Inc	117.6	125.8●	+2.6	1.03
Do Accum	165.2	176.8●	+3.7	1.03
Recovery Trust	90.5	96.8●	+4.0	2.51
Capital Growth Inc	53.7	57.5	+2.6	2.23
Do Accum	61.5	65.8	+3.1	2.23
Income Assets	100.7	108.3●	+2.7	4.13
Financial Trust	121.8	130.3	+1.9	2.39
Income & Growth Inc	131.4	141.3	+3.8	3.07
Do Accum	252.4	271.4	+7.3	3.07
High Income Trust	160.3	171.2	+6.7	4.79
Extra Income	146.4	157.4c	+3.5	4.93
Smaller Cos Div	91.0	97.4●	+2.0	5.53
Pref & Gilt	44.8	47.9c	-0.3	10.41
Gilt Trust	42.9	45.5●	+1.3	9.36
Fixed Interest Trust	53.3	56.7c	+0.2	9.88
Global Healthcare	61.4	65.1	+1.2	0.01
Global Tech	104.6	110.9	-1.0	0.23
Gold	41.0	43.6●	-1.0	1.54
International	150.8	162.2	+0.8	0.37
Global Resources	64.2	68.7●	-1.0	1.85
Worldwide (5)	332.7	350.2	+10.6	3.44
Australian	60.8	65.2	-1.8	0.86
European	207.5	218.4	+4.2	0.79
Euro Smaller Cos	75.0	78.9	+1.6	0.35
Japan Trust	111.2	117.8●	+5.5	0.46
Japan Special Sits	114.5	121.4	+6.0	0.01
Pacific Smaller Cos	56.8	60.2	-1.6	0.61
Singapore & Malay	24.0	25.7●	-0.9	2.33
North American	136.5	147.4●	+1.1	0.45
Amer Smaller Cos	50.2	54.2	+0.5	0.01
Amer Recovery Tst	118.4	127.9	+0.7	1.38
High Income Exempt	111.2	117.0●	+2.4	5.42
Smaller Cos Exempt	108.7	114.4	+2.7	2.88
Euro Exempt (5)	99.8	105.0c	+2.4	1.59
Japan Exempt (5)	104.2	109.7●	+2.9	0.97
N Amer	84.3	88.7	-0.2	1.17
Global Tech Ex (5)	86.0	90.5	-1.7	0.15
Pacific Exempt (5)	136.5	143.7	-9.8	1.35
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Beech St. EC2P 2LX 01-628 8011				
British Trust Units	502.8	534.9	+13.0	3.16
Capital Trust Units	93.4	99.4●	+2.8	2.93
Dollar Trust Units	178.7	190.2	+0.9	3.10
European Trust	104.6	111.3	+1.4	0.89
Far East Trust	95.2	101.3	-1.0	2.34
Financial Trust	334.2	355.5	+3.4	2.59
Gilt Fixed Int Inc	28.0	29.1●	..	10.06
Do Growth	40.4	42.8●	+0.9	3.26
High Yield Trust	60.4	64.3	+4.2	5.38
Income Trust	76.4	81.3	+5.3	4.80
International	105.9	112.7●	-1.8	3.11
Japan Tech Tst	29.5	31.4	-0.6	0.47
Natural Resources	29.8	31.8	+0.5	2.39
Security Trust	172.2	183.2c	+4.6	3.12
Smaller Cos	73.8	78.6	+1.8	1.67
Special Sits	90.2	96.0●	+3.8	2.54
IBI FUND MANAGERS 32 Queen Annes Gate, London SW1H 9AB 01-222 1000				
IBI Brit & O'seas	122.1	130.1	+0.2	1.90
IBI High Income	54.7	57.6	+0.3	9.30
IBI Security Gilt	55.1	58.1	+0.3	2.00
Investment Tst Fnd	62.0	65.3	+0.6	3.50
KLEINWORT BENSON 20 Fenchurch St. London EC3 01-623 8000				
Amer Growth Inc	60.1	64.7●	-1.4	1.12
Do Accum	62.4	66.1●	-1.0	
Fund Inv Tst Inc	17.7	18.1c	+0.6	2.56
Do Accum	22.1	23.9s	+0.7	
High Yield Inc	118.5	125.6	-5.0	5.73
Do Accum	191.5	203.0	+8.1	
Intl Recovery Inc	89.0	94.3	+2.0	1.91
Do Accum	93.1	98.7	+2.1	
Japan Growth Inc	68.8	73.6	-3.2	
Do Accum	69.1	73.9	-3.3	
Smaller Co's Inc	136.7	147.6	+2.4	2.40
Do Accum	177.0	191.2	+3.2	
UK Eq Growth Inc	26.4	28.0a	+1.2	1.55
Do Accum	43.4	46.0a	+1.9	
Worldwide Tech Inc	40.2	43.0●	+0.6	
Do Accum	40.5	43.3	+0.6	
L & C UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT Piercy House Copthall Ave EC2R 7BE 01-588 2800				
Income Fund	377.1	394.6●		5.70
International & Gen	218.2	222.7●		0.83
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Brentwood Essex 0277 234634				
Equity Distribution	254.5	272.2c	+4.8	2.24
Do Accum	397.3	424.9c	+10.7	2.24
Do Income	56.1	60.0●	+1.8	5.01
European	60.2	64.4●	+0.6	1.29
Far Eastern	64.2	68.7	+4.2	0.58
Gilt Trust	73.5	77.8	+2.0	8.03
Intl Managed	67.8	72.5	+1.2	1.28
Natural Res	46.0	49.2	+0.7	3.58
N American Trust	70.7	75.6●	+1.3	1.65
UK Special Sits	56.2	60.1	+1.3	2.25
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Registrars Dpt, Goring-By-Sea, Worthing, W Sussex 0444 459144				
Balanced	171.1	182.9	+3.7	3.12
Do Accum	301.3	322.2	+6.5	3.12
Energy Intl	45.3	48.4●	+0.1	3.91
Do Accum	50.0	53.4	+0.2	3.91
Extra Income	143.3	154.3	+3.5	5.49
Do Accum	255.1	272.8	+6.3	5.49
German Gth Inc	56.8	60.7	-0.7	0.29
Do Accum	56.8	60.7	-0.7	0.29
Income	244.8	261.8	+6.5	4.84
Do Accum	474.5	507.4	-12.4	4.84
Intl Tech	167.3	178.9	-1.1	0.59
Do Accum	174.5	186.6	-1.2	0.59
Japan Growth	55.9	59.7	+3.9	0.02
Do Accum	55.9	59.7	+3.9	0.02
N Amer & Gen	96.3	102.9●	-0.4	1.05
Do Accum	103.6	110.8	-0.3	1.05
Pacific Basin	95.3	101.9●	-0.6	0.37
Do Accum	99.5	106.4●	-0.6	0.37
Smaller Cos & Rec	165.5	176.9	+3.7	1.93
Do Accum	184.2	197.0	+4.1	1.93
Worldwide Growth	164.1	175.5	+1.5	1.20
Do Accum	229.7	245.8	+12.0	1.20

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LLOYDS LIFE UNIT TRUST 20, Clifton St. London EC2A 4MX 01-920 0311				
Equity Dist	104.9	111.6	+3.7	1.58
Do Accum	146.2	155.6	+5.2	1.58
Gilt Trust	50.4	53.1	+1.7	6.11
Do Accum	53.8	56.7	+1.7	6.11
High Income Dist	83.0	88.3	+3.2	4.81
Do Accum	95.2	101.3	+3.6	4.81
US Growth	54.1	57.8●	+0.9	1.14
Do Accum	54.5	58.0●	+0.9	1.14
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 52155				
General Trust	40.2	43.0	+1.0	3.80
Income Trust	33.0	35.4●	+0.3	8.50
International Trust	28.2	30.2	..	1.00
M & G SECURITIES Three Quays, Tower Hill EC3R 6BQ 01-626 4588				
Amer & Gen Inc	213.2	228.0●	+0.1	1.83
Do Accum	247.1	261.5●	..	1.83
Amer Recovery	240.0	254.4	-0.1	1.55
Do Accum	260.1	275.7	-0.2	1.55
Am Smaller Cos	57.5	60.9●	-0.4	0.97
Do Accum	58.5	62.0●	-0.4	0.97
Aust & Gen Inc	65.5	71.3●	-2.8	1.10
Do Accum	72.6	77.7●	-3.0	1.10
Comm & Gen Inc	153.7	164.5●	+1.7	3.10
Do Accum	200.6	214.6●	+2.3	3.10
Compound Growth	377.5	403.8	+12.8	3.26
Conversion Growth	300.9	322.0●	+5.5	2.68
Do Inc	170.6	180.8●	+7.8	6.54
Dividend Fund Inc	374.9	397.4	+15.6	4.96
Do Accum	£10.82	11.47	+0.44	4.96
European & General	167.4	177.4	+2.7	1.12
Do Accum	199.3	211.3	+3.2	1.12
Extra Yield Inc	201.0	213.1c	+8.6	5.86
Do Accum	423.6	449.0	+18.0	5.86
Far Eastern Inc	103.6	110.9●	-6.1	2.09
Do Accum	125.9	134.7	-6.7	2.09
Fund Of Inv Inc	216.1	229.1	+3.6	2.81
Do Acc	335.8	356.0	+5.5	2.81
General Income	562.4	595.1●	+22.4	3.96
Do Accum	£11.77	12.47●	+0.48	3.96
Gilt & Fixed Int	58.3	61.2●	+1.3	9.51
Do Accum	87.0	91.3	+1.9	9.51
Gold Income	41.0	44.3●	+0.2	2.87
Do Accum	43.1	46.5	+0.2	2.87
High Income Inc	289.2	308.5	+12.8	5.39
Do Accum	766.7	812.7	+33.6	5.39
Intl Growth Inc	685.4	733.4●	+14.2	2.19
Do Accum	£10.93	11.69●	+0.22	2.19
Intl Inc Inc	54.8	58.1	+0.4	5.13
Japan & Gen Inc	562.8	599.4	+13.4	0.08
Do Accum	602.7	641.9	+14.3	0.08
Japan Smaller Acc	74.2	79.0	+1.4	0.00
Midland & Gen Inc	498.0	527.9	+18.2	4.25
Do Accum	£12.22	12.95	+0.44	4.25
Recovery Fund Inc	309.0	327.5	+11.7	3.26
Do Accum	396.0	419.8	+14.9	3.26
Second Gen Inc	627.5	665.1	+18.1	3.85
Do Accum	£12.24	12.97	+0.35	3.85
Smaller Cos Inc	586.2	633.1●	+9.3	2.73
Do Accum	915.0	988.2●	+14.4	2.73
Trustee Fund Inc	414.7	443.7	+12.3	4.39
Do Accum	£11.71	12.53	+0.34	4.39
Charifund Inc (3)	108.3	●	+2.6	11.46
Do Accum (3)	329.4	●	+8.0	11.46
Charifund Inc (2)	346.1	349.6●	+11.6	5.98
Do Accum (2)	892.2	901.2●	+29.8	5.98
Pension Exempt (1)	413.6	432.3	+7.0	4.82
NAACIF Inc (3)	35.7	●	+0.9	8.87
Do Accum (3)	417.6	●	+10.5	8.87
MIM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 11, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YR 01-623 4273				
Equity Exempt	365.8	383.0	+8.5	2.64
Do Accum	459.3	479.7	+10.5	2.64
Uk Market Features	62.2	66.3	+2.0	2.10
Do Accum	63.5	67.7	+2.1	2.10
Japan Performance	97.9	104.4	+4.8	0.14
Do Accum	98.2	104.7	+4.5	0.14
US Special Features	63.9	68.1	+1.6	0.82
Do Accum	64.4	68.7	+1.6	0.82
Gold & Precious Met	39.3	42.7c	-1.3	2.01
Do Accum	40.6	44.1c	-1.0	2.01
US Special Inc	54.3	57.8●	-0.4	5.39
Do Accum	57.7	61.5●	-0.4	5.39
European Perf Inc	69.1	73.5●	+1.0	0.95
Do Accum	69.2	73.6●	+1.7	0.95
MLA UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 99-100 Sanding Rd, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX 0622 674751				
MLA General	31.2	33.0	+0.7	2.28
MLA International	45.9	49.7	+0.6	1.06
MLA Gilt Unit	23.1	24.4●	+0.8	10.65
MLA Income	36.4	38.5●	+1.2	5.19
MLA European	25.8	27.3	+0.5	0.91
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT St Georges Way, Stevenage Herts 0438 356101				
Growth Units	69.5	74.0	+3.3	3.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	104.7	108.4●	+2.4	8.55
High Income Units	104.1	110.6	+3.7	5.82
High Yield Gilt Unit	51.8	54.7●	+0.6	10.14
Intl Growth Units	104.1	110.6	-0.7	0.85
N American Units	64.1	68.1	-1.5	0.59
Far East Units	73.2	77.8	-0.3	0.52
Smaller Cos Fund	61.7	65.6	+2.0	1.68
MENCAP UNIT TRUST Unicorn Hse 252 Romford Rd, E7 01-534 5544				
Mencap	127.1	135.2	+4.4	4.31
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St. EC4R 9AS 01-280 2960				
Amer Growth	91.3	97.1	-1.7	1.60
Do Accum	94.5	100.5	-1.7	1.60
Amer Income	46.7	49.6	-0.8	5.01
Do Accum	47.6	50.8	-0.8	5.01
European Growth	109.4	113.1	+1.2	1.48
Do Accum	109.2	116.1	+1.2	1.48
General	230.9	245.6●	+4.4	2.23
Do Accum	371.9	395.6●	+7.1	2.23
Gilt & Fixed	83.7	84.5	+2.0	8.04
Do Accum	91.7	92.6	+2.2	8.04
Income	74.1	78.8●	+1.3	4.58
Do Accum	80.2	85.3●	+1.4	4.58
International	197.3	209.8	-2.4	1.26
Do Accum	243.4	258.9	-3.0	1.26
Japan	110.1	117.1●	+3.1	0.02
Do Accum	112.2	119.3●	+3.1	0.02
Recovery	173.4	184.4	+5.3	2.69
Do Accum	183.4	195.1	+5.6	2.69
Exempt Dist	213.6	220.2●	-5.7	2.67
Exempt Accum	326.7	336.8●	+8.8	2.67
MIDLAND BANK GROUP UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Courtwood Hse. Silver St. Head, Sheffield S1 3RD 0742 79842				
Capital Income	74.6	79.5	+1.7	2.45
Do Accum	100.6	107.3	+2.2	2.45
Commodity & Gen	110.0	117.3	-0.8	3.07
Do Accum	152.4	162.6	+1.3	3.07
Extra High Inc	54.8	58.4	+1.1	6.17
Do Accum	61.9	66.0	+1.2	6.17
Gilt & Fixed Inc	52.2	54.5●	+0.4	9.65
Do Accum	83.7	87.4●	+2.6	9.65
High Yield	140.3	149.6	+3.9	5.83
Do Accum	232.8	248.3	+6.5	5.83
Income	159.3	167.9●	+3.8	3.61
Do Accum	259.4	276.7●	+7.9	3.81
Japan & Pacific	195.4	208.4c	+4.9	0.22
Do Accum	204.8	218.4c	+5.3	0.22
N American Inc	102.1	108.9	+1.5	1.21
Do Accum	121.5	129.6	+1.4	1.21
Euro Gth Inc	98.6	105.1	+2.7	1.25

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Do Accum	118.0	125.8	+3.2	1.25
Smaller Cos Inc	95.7	102.0●	+3.5	2.76
Do Accum	101.2	107.8●	+3.7	2.76
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 163, Hope Street, Glasgow G2 2UH 041 221 9252				
American	105.8	113.1●	+0.9	3.52
European	196.5	209.7	+4.5	1.07
Smaller Cos	176.4	188.3	+2.5	1.80
NATIONAL PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGERS 48, Gracechurch St, EC3P 3HH 01-623 4200 Ext 289				
NPI UK	188.8	200.9	+6.4	3.10
Do Accum	301.8	321.1	+10.2	3.10
NPI Overseas	507.5	540.0●	-0.6	1.10
Do Accum	618.9	658.5●	-1.3	1.10
Far East Acc	59.5	63.3●	+0.6	0.30
Do Dist	59.5	63.3●	+0.6	0.30
American Acc	55.0	58.5	+0.5	1.30
Do Dist	54.7	58.2	+0.5	1.30
NORWICH UNION PO Box 4, Norwich NR1 3NG 0603 622200				
Group Trust	£10.85	11.42●	+0.35	3.89
Intl Trust	116.4	122.5	-0.1	1.80
OPPENHEIMER TRUST MANAGEMENT 66, Cannon Street, London EC4N 6AE dealings 01-236 3885/6/7/8/9/0				
International Growth	121.7	130.2	-2.3	0.80
Income & Growth	53.4	56.8	+2.6	3.00
Special Sits	71.2	76.2	+0.8	4.40
American Growth	32.2	34.5c	-0.3	0.70
Japan Growth	43.6	46.7	+2.6	
European Growth	51.9	55.6●	-0.9	1.20
UK Growth	49.7	53.2	+1.3	0.80
Pacific Growth	36.4	39.0	+0.8	0.10
High Income	29.9	32.0	+0.6	8.30
Practical Income	47.8	50.6	+0.6	2.30
Do Accum	85.6	91.1	+1.2	2.30
PEARL TRUST 252, High Holborn, WC1V 7EB 01-405 8441				
Growth Fund Inc	81.4	86.6	+2.0	2.63
Do Accum	120.3	128.0	+2.9	2.63
Income Fund	108.9	115.9	+2.7	4.30
Intl Equity Inc	111.1	118.2	+2.0	1.89
Do Accum	111.1	118.2	+2.0	1.89
Unit Trust Inc	115.7	123.1	+2.4	3.39
Do Accum	198.0	210.6	+4.0	3.39
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48, Hart Street, Henley On Thames 0491 576868				
Intl Growth	242.3	260.0	+4.3	1.30
Income	175.0	187.4	+4.7	5.14
Worldwide Rec	137.2	147.3●	+2.0	1.94
Amer Growth	66.5	71.4●	-0.1	1.02
Intl Emerg Co's	72.9	78.2	+1.3	0.67
Far East Grwth	58.7	63.0	+0.4	1.10
European Gth	51.3	55.1	..	2.00
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUSTS 222, Bishopsgate, London EC2 01-247 7544/7				
International	99.5	105.9	+2.7	1.28
High Income	161.7	171.5	+3.5	4.32
Conv Gilt	88.0	94.4●	+3.4	6.30
Far Eastern	128.4	138.1	+3.0	0.30
North American	134.5	144.8	+1.8	2.07
Special Sits	181.0	191.9	+4.5	1.19
Technology	114.1	121.4	+2.6	0.49
Extra Income	77.0	81.7	+2.7	5.07
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 51-59, Ilford Hill, Ilford Essex, IG1 2DL 01-478 3377				
Holborn Equity	378.8	402.9	+9.7	3.31
European	72.8	77.4	+1.6	0.93
Holborn Comms	50.8	54.0	-0.1	3.07
Holborn High Inc	61.1	65.0c	+1.5	5.57
Holborn Intl	83.9	89.2●	+1.0	0.76
Japanese	67.4	71.7●	+1.0	0.05
N American	62.9	66.9	+0.9	1.89
Holborn Spec Sits	57.4	61.0	+1.3	3.09
Holborn UK Growth	75.9	80.7●	+1.7	3.03
Holborn Gilt Trust	166.8	172.5	+3.5	8.87
QUILTER MANAGEMENT COMPANY 31-45 Gresham St, London EC2V 7LH 01-600 4177				
Quadrant General	381.8	406.2	..	3.23
Quadrant Income	210.4	223.9	..	5.60
Quadrant Intl Fd	347.3	365.6	-3.1	1.21
Quadrant Recovery	229.2	243.9	..	3.05
NM ROTHSCHILD ASSET MANAGEMENT St Swithins Lane, London EC4P 4DU 01-280 5456				
NC America Inc	262.9	279.6	+5.9	1.08
Do Accum	282.8	300.8	+6.3	1.08
NC Energy Res	140.3	149.2	+0.3	2.81
NC Income	83.5	88.8	+2.5	3.95
NC Japan	140.6	149.5●	+4.8	0.03
NC Smaller Cos	124.0	131.9c	+1.7	2.33
NC Smlr Europ Co's	149.7	156.0	+3.7	0.40
NC Exempt Gilt	£116.0	121.0	..	7.36
NC Amer Prop	$11.57	12.18	..	..
NC Property	186.5	198.3	..	..
ROWAN UNIT TRUST 33 King William Street. London EC4R 9AS 01-638 5678				
American (4)	208.5	210.5	-8.5	2.70
Securities (2)	608.0	644.0●	-8.0	2.75
High Yield (5)	145.5	149.0		5.98
Merlin (3)	353.5	361.5●	+3.5	2.89
Fixed Interest	159.0	160.0	+0.5	2.67
High Interest	121.0	122.0	+3.0	12.50
Far East (2)	157.0	160.5	-4.6	0.31
ROYAL LIFE FUND MANAGEMENT New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS 051-227 4422				
Equity Trust	58.0	61.7	+1.7	2.72
Intl Trust	63.1	67.1●	+0.9	1.26
Gilt Trust	25.6	27.1	+0.5	8.62
UK Trust	29.8	31.7	+0.2	1.52
Pacific Basin Tst	30.5	32.4	+0.5	0.65
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Royal London House, Colchester CO1 1RA 0206 576115				
American Growth	79.9	85.0●	+1.3	0.92
Capital Accum	165.9	178.6	+3.8	2.27
Gilt Income	52.7	55.5	+1.3	9.07
High Income	69.2	73.7●	+2.6	5.32
Income & Growth	87.6	93.2●	+3.6	4.80
Japan Growth	63.3	67.4	+1.3	0.06
Special Sits	94.8	102.0	+3.1	1.52
SAVE & PROSPER 28 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 68-73, Queen St, Edinburgh EH2 4NX (Romford) 0708-66966 Or (Edin) 031-226 7351				
Amer Inc & Growth	65.0	69.5		7.67
Capital Units	93.1	99.5	-0.5	2.49
Commodity	46.6	49.8c	-0.7	1.62
Energy Inds	44.1	47.1●	+0.8	3.59
European Growth	86.1	92.0	+0.2	0.91
Exempt Inc Bnd	75.0	79.0●	+3.2	5.62
Do. Intl (43)	57.2	60.3	-0.4	2.92
Exploration	36.2	38.7●	-0.4	1.08
Financial Secs	84.5	90.3	+0.7	2.28
Gilt & FI Inc	53.0	55.8	+0.4	11.12
High Return Units	163.6	174.8●	+4.4	5.09
High Yield Units	154.8	165.6	+4.7	4.70
Income Units	89.0	95.1●	+2.3	6.11
Investment Trust	78.2	83.6	+1.0	2.71
International	107.2	114.0	+2.7	3.56
Japan Growth	62.0	66.3	+1.2	..

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Japan Smaller Cos	97.9	104.7	+1.5	
Masterfund	25.3	27.0	+0.2	3.06
New Technology	93.5	100.0	-2.0	
SE Asia Growth	88.3	94.4	-3.7	1.92
Scotbits	113.8	121.7●	+0.9	2.89
Scotshares	149.9	160.3	+4.3	4.36
Scotyields	147.7	157.9c	+4.7	4.17
Select International	96.5	[illegible]	+0.2	1.39
Smaller Co's Inc	136.1	145.5	+2.2	5.06
Special Situations	86.0	91.8	+2.2	2.14
UK Equity	167.9	179.5●	+4.0	2.21
US Growth	71.8	76.7c	+0.1	1.64
Universal Growth	74.8	79.7	..	1.88
SCHRODER UNIT TRUST Enterprise House, Portsmouth 0705 827733				
American Inc	120.1	128.4	+0.2	1.57
Do Accum	122.4	130.9	+0.2	1.57
Australian Inc	57.6	61.9●	-1.1	1.99
Do Accum	61.8	66.4●	-1.1	1.99
European Inc	93.0	99.4	+0.2	1.22
Do Accum	95.3	101.9	+0.2	1.22
Gilt & Fixed Inc	52.7	56.5●	+1.2	9.73
Do Accum	78.5	82.8●	+1.9	9.73
Gold Fund Inc	33.6	35.9	+0.1	4.04
Do Accum	35.0	37.4	+0.1	4.04
Income	158.3	169.3	+4.6	4.96
Do Accum	347.7	371.8	+10.2	4.96
Intl Income	95.1	101.7	-0.1	0.78
Do Accum	131.3	140.4	-0.1	0.78
Jap Smlr Co's Ac	104.5	111.7●	+2.4	0.10
Singapore & Malay	44.7	47.8	-2.8	1.46
Do Accum	45.6	48.7	-2.7	1.46
Smaller Co's Inc	117.0	125.1	+2.3	1.57
Do Accum	122.1	130.5	+2.5	1.57
Special Sits Inc	95.6	102.2	+3.1	1.36
Do Accum	98.9	105.7	+3.2	1.36
Tokyo Fund Inc	156.6	167.4	+2.9	0.26
Do Accum	158.3	169.2	+3.5	0.26
US Smaller Co's Ac	54.2	57.9	+0.1	0.24
UK Equity Inc	96.4	103.1	+2.6	3.13
Do Accum	147.5	157.7	+4.1	3.13
Recovery	678.0	725.1●	..	2.76
Special Exempt	108.5	113.9●	+0.9	1.68
Pensions & Charity	514.1	549.8●	..	3.58
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28, St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh 031-556 9101				
Intl Income Units	136.8	145.5	+2.4	3.37
Do Accum	201.4	214.3	+3.4	3.37
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19, St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	166.3	177.9	+4.1	1.97
American	142.4	152.3	+0.3	1.35
Pacific	127.3	136.2	+0.2	0.07
European	190.2	203.5	+3.2	0.71
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGERS 109, Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041-248 6100				
UK Equity	157.6	167.7	+3.6	2.84
Gilt & Fixed	110.5	117.6	+2.8	8.49
UK Smlr Co's Eq	131.4	139.8	+4.4	2.06
European	158.1	169.3	+2.9	1.58
N American	104.8	111.5	+0.8	1.49
Pacific	120.6	128.3	+3.5	1.34
SCOTTISH UNIT TRUST 29, Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031-226 4372				
Pacific	42.3	45.3	+1.4	0.40
World Growth	31.3	33.5	-0.1	0.80
N American	33.1	35.5	-0.1	0.33
Income Fund	41.3	44.2●	+1.1	5.19
SCOTTISH WIDOWS PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031-655 6000				
Peg Eq Inc	215.8	229.7	+5.8	2.96
Do Accum	246.6	262.4	+7.6	2.96
SENTINEL FUND MANAGEMENT 30, City Road, London EC1Y 2AY 01-638 6011				
Amer Tech & Gen	101.1	108.2	+0.9	0.10
Pacific	134.5	143.9	+2.8	0.10
Sec Income Fnd	158.7	169.8●	+6.0	4.80
Special Situations	191.4	204.8	+6.3	2.45
Energy & Res	24.9	26.6	..	3.50
American Majors	66.9	73.7	+1.5	0.64
Small Co's	34.5	36.9●	+1.1	2.08
Japan Tech & Gen	73.5	78.6	+3.3	0.10
International Income	54.4	58.2●	+1.5	5.57
Exempt	496.5	531.3	..	2.58
UK General	29.1	31.1	+2.4	2.66
SIMON & COATES 1, London Wall Bldgs. London EC2M 5PT 01-588 3644 Ext 357				
Special Sits (5)	48.2	51.3	+1.1	1.49
STANDARD LIFE 3, George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 031 225 2552				
Income Units	236.8	253.8	+9.7	3.11
Do Accum Units	258.4	276.1	+10.6	3.11
STEWART, IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45, Charlotte Sq. Edinburgh 031-226 3271				
American Fund	209.8	223.4	-0.1	2.17
Do Accum	235.6	250.0	-0.8	2.17
Do Wdrawal	151.9	161.7	-0.1	2.17
Australian Fund	108.8	115.9	-4.0	1.00
Do Accum	110.0	117.2	-4.0	1.00
British Fund	522.2	558.1c	+7.0	4.32
Do Accum	702.3	747.9c	+8.9	4.32
European Fund	241.2	257.3	+5.1	0.93
Do Accum	254.0	270.9	+5.3	0.93
Japan Fund	239.9	255.5c	+2.7	0.40
Do Accum	240.6	256.3c	+2.8	0.40
Saints PPP	145.6	154.4	..	..
SUN ALLIANCE Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex 0403 56253				
Equity Trust Acc	364.2	387.4	+8.8	2.44
N Am Trust Acc	54.4	57.8	-0.3	1.63
Far East Trust Acc	59.8	63.6	-0.4	1.00
TSB UNIT TRUSTS PO Box 3, Keens Hse, Andover, Hants. SP10 1PG 0264 62188 Dealings:0264 63432				
American Inc	108.6	116.7	+0.4	0.96
Do Accum	114.2	121.8	+0.4	0.96
Extra Income Inc	100.2	106.6●	+3.0	5.82
Do Accum	117.0	124.5●	+3.8	5.82
General Unit Inc	147.9	157.4●	+3.0	2.80
Do Accum	240.7	256.1c	+4.9	2.80
Gilt & Fixed Inc	47.9	49.9●	+1.1	8.68
Do Accum	61.3	63.9●	+1.5	8.68
Income	199.5	212.3	+5.7	4.49
Accum	308.3	328.9	+8.5	4.49
Pacific Inc	122.1	129.9	+1.6	0.72
Do Accum	125.1	133.1	+1.6	0.72
Intl Inc	271.3	288.7	+3.1	1.81
Do Accum	333.1	354.4	+3.9	1.81
Selected Opps Inc	56.0	59.6c	+1.6	1.81
Do Accum	60.8	64.6c	+1.7	1.81
Natural Res	43.0	45.8	-0.4	2.35
Do Accum	43.9	46.8	-0.3	2.35
TARGET TRUST MANAGERS Target House, Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury Bucks 0296 5941				
Amer Eagle	74.1	79.1	+0.5	0.44
Australian	19.4	20.7●	-0.8	0.10
Commodity	71.9	77.5	-0.2	2.27
Energy	32.2	34.5●	+0.3	1.57
Equity	116.7	125.4	+2.9	2.91
European Spec Sits	83.9	88.9	+2.6	0.27

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Extra Income	164.9	172.7●	+4.9	8.13
Financial	241.0	257.9●	+5.8	1.95
Gilt Income	100.7	105.6●	+2.4	8.46
Gold Income	59.1	63.2	-0.2	1.96
Do Accum	107.7	115.2	-0.1	1.96
Income	75.5	80.5●	+0.4	4.77
Japan	66.3	70.9	+3.4	0.10
Malay & Singapore	19.0	20.3	-0.4	1.38
Pacific Inc	71.7	76.2	+0.7	0.09
Do Reinvest	87.9	93.6	+0.9	0.09
Pref Share Fd	16.5	17.6●	+0.4	9.97
UK Capital	60.8	65.2a	+2.7	2.04
Special Sits	81.7	87.4●	+3.5	0.93
Technology	46.3	49.5●	-0.3	0.16
World Income	50.2	53.6	+1.0	7.06
Worldwide Capital	129.8	138.9●	+3.0	1.81
Equity Ex (3)	69.5	74.3	+1.7	2.07
Do Accum (3)	130.1	139.0	+2.9	2.07
3i UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2, St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8BP 01 928-3356				
Smaller Co's	69.0	73.4	-0.3	0.10
TOUCHE REMNANT Mermaid House, 2, Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT 01-248 1250				
American Growth	35.5	37.8●	+0.8	0.80
General Growth	49.4	53.2●	+1.9	2.77
Global Tech	38.4	41.1	-0.3	0.10
Income Growth	55.5	59.2●	+1.2	5.02
Income Monthly	44.1	47.2●	+1.3	7.15
Japan Growth	30.1	32.1	+1.2	0.18
O'seas Growth	39.3	42.2	+0.5	1.39
Smaller Cos	54.5	58.1	+1.9	2.34
Special Opps	58.8	62.6●	+1.4	2.09
TRANSATLANTIC & GENERAL SECURITIES 91-99, New London Rd, Chelmsford 0245 51651				
Colemco Inc (5)	426.9	445.5c	+12.8	3.89
Do Accum (5)	696.3	726.5	+20.8	3.89
Fielding Fund (4)	225.4	237.3	+5.5	3.27
Do Accum (4)	246.8	259.8	+6.1	3.27
Fldng Am & Gen (4)	205.0	218.0●	-13.8	0.87
Do Accum (4)	233.1	247.7●	-15.4	0.87
Fielding Inc Fund (4)	160.2	168.7	+5.4	5.00
S & W Amer (3)	144.5	151.9	-5.4	1.05
S & W Smlr Secs	119.4	125.9	+2.6	0.37
TYNDALL MANAGERS 18, Canynge Rd, Bristol 0272 732241				
Australian	57.0	61.0	-2.3	1.52
Do Acc	58.8	63.0	-2.4	1.52
Capital	304.2	322.6●	+6.2	3.78
Do Accum	537.5	570.0●	+11.0	3.78
Exempt	262.1	279.2●	+8.4	6.34
Do Accum	589.2	627.5●	+14.5	6.34
Far Eastern	130.1	139.2●	-3.1	1.01
Do Accum	140.2	150.0●	-2.8	1.01
Fin & Prop	46.9	50.0●	+0.3	3.91
Do Accum	73.0	77.8●	+0.8	3.91
Gilt Capital	119.5	124.2c	+2.2	8.84
Do Accum	134.2	139.6c	+2.4	8.84
Gilt Income	104.5	108.5c	+0.1	10.09
Do Accum	166.8	173.1c	+3.0	10.09
High Yield	50.5	53.8	-1.4	6.82
Do Accum	107.8	114.8	+2.8	6.82
Income	213.9	228.9c	+7.1	5.72
Do Accum	648.7	688.0c	+21.8	5.72
Intl Earnings	155.5	165.7	+2.8	2.83
Do Accum	224.7	239.3	+4.1	2.83
Intl Growth	69.0	73.6	-0.7	0.94
Do Accum	71.4	76.1	-0.8	0.94
Japan Growth Acc	80.0	85.6	+1.8	0.20
Natural Resources	159.1	169.5	-1.7	2.50
Do Accum	226.8	241.6	-2.3	2.50
N Amer Growth	116.7	124.9●	-0.6	1.01
Do Acc	135.3	144.8●	-0.7	1.01
Pref	110.6	117.8	+2.6	11.06
Do Accum	274.9	292.8	+6.1	11.06
Smaller Co's Div Inc	49.2	52.4●	+1.1	6.33
Do Accum	55.5	59.2●	+1.3	6.33
Smaller Cos	170.0	181.1●	-3.3	2.66
Do Accum	226.3	241.1●	-4.8	2.66
Special Sits	94.4	100.6	+3.0	2.25
Do Accum	98.0	104.4	+3.1	2.25
European Growth	88.0	93.8●	+0.6	1.35
UK PROVIDENT UT MANAGERS UK House, Castle St, Salisbury SP1 3SH 0722 336242				
UK Equity	115.9	122.9	+2.9	
Pacific Basin	110.6	117.2	+2.3	
N Amer	116.7	123.7	+1.3	
VANGUARD TRUST 65 Holborn Viaduct, EC1A 2EU 01-236 3053				
Growth Inc	171.2	182.2●	+4.0	2.13
Do Accum	249.1	265.0	+7.7	2.13
High Yield	191.2	204.2●	+8.7	4.45
Special Sits	37.1	39.5a	+0.9	2.71
Trustee	123.5	131.4	+5.9	3.86
Do Accum	184.8	196.6	+8.5	3.86
Amer & Gen	55.0	58.6	+0.1	1.86
Master Portfolio (4)	$54.78	56.18	+0.13	3.28
Abingdon Rdn Alls	100.6	107.1	+1.0	4.50
WARDLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Wardley House, 7, Devonshire Sq, London EC2 01-929 1532				
American Trust	64.9	69.7	-0.1	1.90
Far East & Gen	69.5	73.9	+1.6	1.40
Intl Growth	59.5	63.3	+2.0	1.40
Income Trust	72.9	73.5	+2.2	5.60
Japan Growth	77.1	82.9	+2.6	0.20
Small Companies	119.7	128.7●		
Technology	35.3	[illegible]		2.00
Australia	31.9	34.4	-0.5	0.20
UK Trust	41.3	44.3●	+0.1	1.50
European Growth	124.3	132.3	-3.5	2.50
Hong Kong	44.3	47.2	-1.3	1.20
	19.9	21.1c	-1.1	2.00
WAVERLEY ASSET MANAGEMENT 13 Charlotte Sq., Edinburgh 031-225 1551				
Australian Gold	16.7	17.8●	-0.5	0.15
Pacific Basin Energy	13.4	14.3	-0.7	0.20
Canadian Bal Gth	46.8	50.0		3.00
Ginnie Mae Fnd	$101.7	105.9●	-0.7	8.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey La EC2 8BT 01-606 9085/6				
Sht Dtd Gilt Fund	50.9	51.9	+0.4	1.37

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 3rd Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Tuesday in month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday in month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of February, May, August, November. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly. (41) Last Thursday of Stock Exchange account. (42) Last day of month. (43) 2nd and 4th Wednesday of month. (44) Quarterly. (45) 6th of month. (46) 2nd Tuesday of month.

TEMPUS

Gloomy profit forecast sparks buyers' interest

Beecham, which has one of the worst reputations around the City, may have unknowingly capitalized on its sorry image. Its weekend press release, highlighting flat profits, may have unwittingly attracted investors' interests and caused yesterday's share price rise.

Analysts do not expect good results from Beecham in mid-June when the 1985/86 figures are released. The company expects little change on last year's profits and forecast a profit this year of between £295 and £305 million. Analysts predict a figure around £300 million. This gloomy prediction is reflected in the share price action — at 350p, the share price has underperformed by a street.

So there was no point in trying to hide the bad news: nuggets of ill-tidings were what the city expected.

This may have been the rationale behind the weekend's re-affirmation of the year-end figures, which accompanied news of the purchase of Norcliff Thayer, the US over-the-counter medicines and health products business. The City had already swallowed the bad news that the results would be adversely affected by the weak dollar versus sterling but would be partly mitigated by the strength of some European currencies and the yen.

But regardless of the bad news, there is little doubt that the underlying direction of the business improved in the latter half of the year. Pharmaceuticals were likely to be flat as the drug Augmentin has been replacing Amoxyl; soft drinks in Germany have been on an improving trend and the cosmetics and DIY businesses have been on a rising trend.

Despite looking vulnerable to takeover, reports of its imminent demise appear to be exaggerated.

British Vita

British Vita yesterday claimed a third successive year of profit growth saying, it had shed its image of a domestic manufacturer sheltering behind protected colonial markets.

In fact, it may be an appropriate time to consider changing its name to Europa Vita because it was mainland Europe that provided the thrust of the latest profit surge.

The Manchester-based company is now clocking up world-wide sales of more than £300 million in what could be termed "invisibles" — the unseen fillings, such as foam and fibres, that go in to products such as car seats, mattresses, furniture and an increasing range of household textiles.

Pretax profits last year rose by 17 per cent to £12.2 million, but most significantly, for the first time the contribution from Europe edged slightly ahead of Britain's contribution of £4.7 million. Combined, the two markets accounted for 75 per cent of all profits.

The profit included the results of a full year's operation in France and the results of the foam interests of the Solvay Group from last July, the date of its acquisition.

British Vita believes its future prosperity lies in strengthening its bases in the key French and German markets.

The Solvay acquisition has allowed British Vita to tap its advanced technological know-how and it has already cashed in on a system of producing cheaper and better headliners in cars. Instead of manufacturing the products itself, it is extending its increasingly important licensing arrangements and has entered an agreement to allow the system to be manufactured under licence in North America, which should result in a growing royalty income in future years.

Yesterday, British Vita's shares jumped 9p. But in the past six months they have risen from 155p to 240p. This was probably influenced by the group's decison, confirmed yesterday, to tackle its problem of blocked funds in Zambia, which represent the bulk of the £3.3 million extraordinary charges.

Outside Britain and Europe, the international side of the business — in the old colonies of Canada and Australia — came in with a £3 million contribution.

British Vita, through an aggressive move across the Channel, has significantly altered its profile with a broad enough spread across most markets to offer the prospect of sustained growth even without acquisitions, which do not appear all that likely at the moment.

Gold Greenlees Trott

Gold Greenlees Trott is the first advertising agency to be hit by the new Stock Exchange rules on the contents of prospectuses. Although it has done its best to liven up the document, it has had to restrict the pictures to the outside cover. It has, however, shown a video to journalists, and anyone wanting to see stills can ask for a corporate brochure.

The figures show impressive growth. In just five years profits have risen from a negligible level to a forecast £1.3 million before tax for the year to April 30. The pretax profit margin is 4.4 per cent. Although fast growth is likely to continue, it is difficult to say how fast, as GGT is too young to have established a proper record.

Youth however is no obstacle to riches. At 165p the shares are offered at 18 times prospective earnings, which represents a slight discount to the rating accorded to better established rivals such as Abbott Mead Vickers. James Capel, the broker, expects GGT to trade on a par with Abbott once dealings begin.

One of the disadvantages under which GGT labours, however, is that most of the £4.95 million being raised is going to the founding directors rather than to the company. GGT itself is raising only £539,000 after expenses. Another point to bear in mind is that margins will fall next year because the company is moving into new and more expensive offices in May.

Despite these qualifications, the issue is likely to be a success, given the agency's reputation and the market's continuing fondness for the industry. GGT may complain that its prospectus looks no different from that of an engineering company, but it still has the advantage on price.

Onshore search still promising

By David Young Energy Correspondent

The onshore oil industry's main problem this year will not be falling oil prices, but environmental pressures, Wood Mackenzie, the broker, suggests.

Despite this, the lure of profitable developments should provide sufficient incentive for continued enthusiasm for onshore exploration, the broker says.

Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, Minister for Energy, will announce the first formal round of onshore oil exploration licences this month.

Wood Mackenzie, in a report to clients, says: "Although the onshore scene continues to offer considerable commercial interest even at current oil prices, the industry is faced with a variety of problems.

In many cases, it notes, companies face difficulties in obtaining planning permission

"The revised licence system should allow oil companies greater flexibility of operations," the report adds. "However, landowners, local authorities and environmentalists may all delay oil companies' plans.

"In addition, growing awareness of the profitability in onshore oil activities has resulted in landowners seeking higher compensation payments."

Saatchi Bros to take 30% stake in NMC

Mr Charles and Mr Maurice Saatchi, directors of the public relations firm, are to take a 15 per cent stake each in the NMC fibreboard manufacturer in a proposed 8.63 million share issue that will see 50.1 per cent of the company in new hands.

The deal also includes the issue of 1.71 million warrants to existing shareholders and to the new investors.

The Saatchi brothers will hold nearly 2.59 million shares each and a third investor, Mr N Newton, will have 3.45 million shares, or 20.04 per cent. He will join the board.

This issue will raise about £1.32 million, after expenses. It will halve the 48.8 per cent stake in NMC currently held by East Rand Consolidated to 24.4 per cent.

The issue is subject to shareholders' approval, but principal shareholders holding 57.61 per cent will vote in favour.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Oil price worries trigger bout of profit-taking

Share prices recorded widespread falls as investors took fright from falling oil prices and a weakening pound. The FT 30-share index lost 10 points to close at 1267.4 and the FT-SE fell 9 points to 1534.9.

Hopes that interest rates will be allowed to ease in the Budget have largely evaporated as the spot price of oil slipped below $14 a barrel following the latest price cutting move by Abu Dhabi.

Hints that the arctic weather is now over was another sobering factor. So there was little fresh incentive for investors who were content to take profits after the recent strong advance. Selling was light and turnover was generally a much lower.

Government securities gave back half a point as cheaper money hopes waned. Losses among leading industrials were contained to a band of between 2p and 10p, but one or two internationals were supported by currency considerations.

BOC Group, for instance, rose 6p to 334p and **Cadbury Schweppes**, with results due next Thursday, hardened 2p to 166p. Elsewhere, **Hawker Siddeley** slipped 8p to 517p and **Lucas** 10p to 613p while **Beecham Group**, a recent takeover favourite, declined 6p to 350p in spite of talk of "imminent developments".

Consumer stocks made a drab showing on the prospect of a nutral Budget. **Marks and Spencer**, worried by fashion competition from other stores like **Burton** eased 4p to 187p. **Storehouse**, the subject of several brokers' downgradings, dipped 10p to 303p but **Laura Ashley** continued to reflect hopes of US buying orders at 231p, up 5p.

Home Charm tumbled to 285p on news that discussions about a possible bid, announced last Friday, had been terminated. The shares later rallied to 318p a net fall of 52p.

Other DIY companies were also upset with **A.G. Stanley** down 4p to 75p and **Hampden Home Care** 7p lower at 61p.

Martin Ford was marked up 12½p to 133½p on talk of an imminent 145p offer. The commodity dealers **S.& W. Berisford** gained 9p to 211p as Hillsdown Holdings increased its stake to 9.09 per cent by way of market purchases.

McKechnie, whose shareholders gave the go-ahead to bid for **Newman Tonks** (up 3p to 131p) lost another 6p to 190p. **Williams Holdings**, whose bid for McKechnie has now been aborted, rallied 12p to 518p.

Suter climbed 13p to 240p after favourable comment on its proposed acquisition of UKO International. **Hepworth Ceramic** put on 9p to 167p speculative demand. But **Pilkington** gave up 10p to 428p on further consideration of its US expansion plans.

Bridon gained 10p to 135p on the sale of its Mexican interests. Acquisition news supported **B. Elliott** at 57p up 4p and **Amari** 7p better at 148p.

AMS Industries reported profits up by 58 per cent, but a warning with the figures that the order intake for audio processing equipment had declined lopped 20p from the shares at 104p. Electricals generally were down with **Racal** 6p down at 194p in spite of last weeks denial of rights issue intentions.

LEC Refrigeration met demand at 280p up 17p and **Automated Security**, another speculative favourite improved 8p to 168p.

Reports that the influx of American visitors is well down on last year unsettled hotel shares where falls of 2p to 5p were frequent.

McCorquodale at 208p up 5p continued to anticipate a rumoured bid from Norton Opax. **British Vita** celebrated a better-than-expected 17 per cent earnings expansion with a 9p rise to 240p.

Abbott Mead, reporting on Thursday, was marked up 7p to 230p but a 40 per cent setback knocked 17p from **Michael Peters** at 173p. **Powerline** also disappointed down 24p to 131p while a 57 per cent reduction in profits clipped 3p from **Microvitec** at 35p.

Weekend press comment prompted the usual Monday crop of firm features. **Helical Bar** at 104p **J S D Computer** 115p. **Minty** 340p. **Havelock Europa** 253p, Schroders 1263p, **Aurora** 52p, **Strong and Fisher** 136p were among those to advance between 6p and 65p. **Futura Holdings** was wanted at 320p up 20p.

In a thin market, **James Crean** was hoisted 40p to 355p. **NMC Investments** returned from suspension 67p higher at 90p on news that the Saatchi Brothers had acquired a substantial stake. Dealers immediately suspected a shell situation such as **Wire and Pastic Products** where the Saatchi Brothers interest has transformed the share price.

C H Industrial jumped 6p to 56p on the sale of its stake in Banro. Banks remained perky after last Friday's good profits from Lloyds. **National Westminster**, reporting today, added 5p to 707p. Analysts are looking for profits of between £750 million and £770 million.

Life companies made a bright showing with **Prudential** up 10p to 942p after a press report suggesting a possible merger with **Midland Bank**, 7p firmer at 479p. Composite insurers were still concerned with last Thursday's disappointing profits from **Royal** another 5p easier at 863p.

Mixed properties had **MEPC** at 350p, down 8p, but the shares later rallied to 566p awaiting takeover developments.

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
BOC Grp	334 + 6
Cadbury	166p + 2
Natwest	707p + 5
Suter	240p +13
Newman Tonks	131p + 3
Hepworth Ceramic	167p up 9
G Dew	96p + 6
Bridon	135p +10
Williams	518p +12
Aurora	52p + 5
B Elliott	57p + 4
FALLS:	
Marks	187p - 4
Lucas	613p -10
Mckechnie	190p - 6
Storehouse	303p -10
MEPC	350p - 8
Michael Peters	173p -17
Powerline	131p -24
AMS Ind	104p -20
T Cowie	138p - 7
A G Stanley	75p - 4
Home Charm	318p -52

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Abbott Mead V (180p)	230 up 7
Ashley (L) (135p)	230 up 4
Brookmount (160p)	180
Cable & Wire (587p)	348
Chart FL (86p)	90
Chancery Secs (63p)	71
Cranswick M (95p)	109
Davidson P (160p)	165 up 2
Dialene (128p)	170
Ferguson (J) (10p)	23 up 1
Granyte Surface (56p)	71
Inoco (55p)	51 up 2
JS Pathology (160p)	263
Klearfold (118p)	118
Lexicon (115p)	2115
Macro 4 (105p)	140 dn 3
Merivale Moore (115p)	125
Microsystems (127p)	135
Norank Sys (90p)	100
Really Useful (330p)	365 dn 3
SAC Intl (100p)	130
SPP (125p)	158 up 1
Templeton (215p)	218
Sigmex (101p)	86
Snowdon & B (97p)	112
Spica (80p)	93 up 1
Tech Comp (130p)	214
Underwoods (180p)	184 dn 1
Wellcome (120p)	174 up 2½
W York Hosp (90p)	80
Wickes (140p)	148 up 2

RIGHTS ISSUES

Cray Elec F/P	296 dn 2
Hartwells N/P	¾
Peel Hldgs F/P	475
Porter Chad F/P	3
Safeway UK	£42¼ dn ¾
Stormguard F/P	20
Wates N/P	25
Westland N/P	13

(Issue price in brackets).

COMPANY NEWS

● **FII GROUP**: With figures in £000, sales were up to 8,735 (7,583) and pretax profit to 1,060 (810). Profit after tax was 816 (510).

● **LEISURE INVESTMENTS**: Results for the six months to December 31 (figures in £000) show turnover at 1,300 (1,238) and operating profit before depreciation 436 (352). Pretax profit was 244 (189) and earnings per share were 0.93p (0.98p).

● **J.I. JACOBS**: Salenia has acquired an additional 700,000 ordinary shares ,representing 3.04 per cent of the company's outstanding capital. This takes Salenia's total holding in Jacobs to 5,765,000 ordinary shares (25.02 per cent).

● **NEW AUSTRALIA INVESTMENTS**: Keywest Finance has purchased 214,999 ordinary shares (4.3 per cent),taking the parent Keywest group's holding to 1,489,899 ordinary shares (29.8 per cent).

● **MEDMINSTER**: An interim dividend of 21.5 per cent (19.5per cent) is included in the results for the six months to December 31 last year. With figures in (£000), turnover was 6,325 (6,412), pretax profit 296 (241) and profit after tax 192 (161). Earnings per share are 9.60p (8.05p).

● **COPE ALLMAN INTERNATIONAL**: An interim dividend of 3.4p (2.7p) is included in the results for the half year to December 28 last year. With figures in £000, turnover was 92,520 (86,604), pretax profit 7,519 (6,339) and profit after tax 4776 (3567). Earnings per share are 12p (8.97p).

● **GOOD RELATIONS GROUP**: A dividend of 4.9p (4.9) is included in the results for the year to December 31. With figures in £000, turnover totalled 11,765 (8,826), pretax profit 1023 (1345) and attributable profit 547 (997). Earnings per share are 6.4p (9.9p). The chairman said the group had been through a difficult period and had emerged stronger as a result of the decisive and forward-looking actions by the board.

● **T. COWIE**: A final dividend of 2.25p (1.75p) is payable for the year to December 31, 1985 (15 mths to December 31, 1984), making 3.5p (2.75p) for the whole year. With figures in £000, turnover amounted to 217,708 (200,847), pretax profit 4,055 (2,285) and attributable profit 3,956 (909). Earnings per share on a net basis are 22.72p (10.36p).

● **WOODHOUSE & RIXSON HOLDINGS**: A final dividend of 1.5p (0.75p), making 2.5p (1p) for the year, is payable for 1985. With figures in £000, turnover was 10,537 (8,985) and profit before tax 1,137 (262). Earnings per share were 7.8p (2.1p). Dividend is payable on April 28.

● **ROTHMANS INTERNATIONAL**: An interim dividend of 2.5 cents (2.5 cents) is included in the results of the company's Singapore associates for the six months to December 31 last year. With figures in S$000, turnover was 77,743 (8,466) and pretax profit 17,779 (18,052). Earnings per share are 9.5c (9.4c). Barring unforeseen circumstances, profit for the second half year is expected to be maintained at a satisfactory level.

● **RATCLIFFS (GREAT BRIDGE)**: A final dividend of 1.5p (2.5p) is payable for the year to December 31, 1985, making a total of 2.5p (3.5p). With figures in £000, the group loss after all charges was 343 (1,337 profit). Loss per share amounts to 8.26p (27.67p earning). The parent company's loss is after allowing for a provision for doubtful debts of £176,000 and an abnormally high undervaluation of stock against orders on hand of £337,000. Dividend is payable on May 1.

● **RIVER PLATE AND GENERAL INVESTMENT TRUST**: A dividend of 6.5p is payable, making 8.5p (7.2p) for 1985. With figures in £000, franked investment income was 1,687 (1,500), unfranked investment income 334 (389), profit on dealing by subsidiaries 21 (23) and other income 74 (61).

● **WADKIN**: The offer document and listing particulars have been posted to the shareholders of Wadkin and Thomas Robinson. Robinson's pretax profits for the year ended December 31 are estimated at £410,000. Wadkin is estimated to have made a losss of £380,000 over the same period. The offer, which is unanimously recommended by the board of Wadkin, is due to close on March 19.

Romney Trust plc

Romney sharpens its investment objective

To emphasise its international nature Romney will henceforth be measured against the Morgan Stanley Capital International Index whilst retaining a sterling base.

It is probable that with the increasing emphasis in foreign markets, earnings will fall. However, a minimum total dividend of 5.0p will be recommended for the year to 31.12.86 using revenue reserves if necessary.

Mr. S. G. Brooksbank FCA, *Chairman*

Results:—	31.12.85	31.12.84
Gross revenue	£3.86m	£3.17m
Earnings per stock unit	6.53p	4.49p
Proposed dividend for year per stock unit	5.00p	4.60p
Net asset value per stock unit	341.8p	316.9p
Total resources	£101.9m	£95.5m

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Bids highlight need for marketing

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

The recent spate of takeover bids, which has put a premium on management abilities to market products successfully, has underlined the need for improved top marketing management in companies, according to Mr Tony McBurnie, director-general of the Institute of Marketing.

He called on the Government to clarify its competition policy on the issue of market share. This was a crucial factor in the recent references to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission of the initial United Biscuits and Guinness bids.

Companies which were successful in world markets would inevitably tend to have strong domestic market shares, Mr McBurnie maintained. The crucial market share was segment share where sales broke down into product and brand categories such as premium and own label. That was the issue the Government needed to be clearer about in competition policy.

Mr McBurnie said: "We need improved top-level marketing management and we need more chief executives to accept and develop a company culture and style that puts marketing second to nothing. If they do not I have a feeling that predators, shareholders and non-executive directors soon will."

Fewer than 40 per cent of chief executives of British companies had marketing and sales experience, with financial, legal and technical backgrounds much more common.

A recent University of Bradford management centre study had reported that two-thirds of British companies surveyed had said they were not good at marketing. They still believed that profit came from rationalizing and cost-cutting, while at Japanese subsidiaries in Britain there were detailed marketing plans against which performance was monitored.

Mr McBurnie said that the study demonstrated that, whereas the Japanese had marketing strategies, the British had budgets.

In the latest annual rankings for international competitiveness emphasizing the role of marketing and carried out by the European Management Forum, Britain was rated at 16, he pointed out.

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No.	Company	Your gain or loss
	BANKS DISCOUNT HP	
1	Com Bank Wales	
2	Stand Chart	
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	BUILDINGS AND ROADS	
11	Cement-Roadstone	
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19	Baggeridge Brick	
20	Manders	
	INDUSTRIALS A-D	
21	Amber Ind	
22	Beatson Clarke	
23	Camford Eng	
24	De La Rue	
25	Bestwood	
26	Charter Cons	
27	Appledore	
28	Burgess	
29	Aurora	
30	Brooke Tool	
	INDUSTRIALS S-Z	
31	Tex Hldgs	
32	Young (H)	
33	TNT	
34	Staffs Potteries	
35	SI	
36	Securicor	
37	TSL Thermal	
38	Wagon Ind	
39	Steetley	
40	Sale Tilney	

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BRITISH FUNDS

1985 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
SHORTS (Under Five Years)						
99¾	92½	Treas C 10¼% 1986	99⅝	..	10.0	..
98	92	Treas 3% 1986	98	..	3.1	..
100	93¾	Exch 10½% 1986	99½	..	10.5	..
101¼	94¼	Treas 12% 1986	99¾	..	12.0	..
98¼	92¾	Treas 8¼% 1984-86	98¼	..	8.8	..
96	87¼	Exch 2½% 1986	95¾	..	2.6	..
105¼	96	Exch 14% 1986	101¼	..	13.8	..
104¾	95¼	Exch 13¼% 1987	101¼	..	13.1	..
99¼	92	Treas C10¼% 1987	99¼	..	10.3	..
94¾	84	Exch 2½% 1987	94¾	●-⅛	2.8	..
100¼	94¼	Exch 10½% 1987	99¼	..	10.6	..
96	88	Fund 6½% 1985-87	95¾	..	6.8	..
99¾	92¼	Treas 10% 1987	98¾	..	10.1	..
93¼	83¼	Treas 3% 1987	93	-⅛	3.2	..
102¼	94	Treas 12% 1987	101¼	-⅛	11.9	..
95¼	89¼	Treas 7¾% 1985-88	95¼	-⅛	8.1	..
100	91¼	Exch 10½% 1988	99¼	-⅛	10.6	..
98¼	90¼	Treas C9¾% 1988	97¼	-⅛	10.0	..
88¼	79¼	Trans 3% 1978-88	88¼	-⅛	3.4	..
97¾	88¾	Treas 9¼% 1988	96¾	-⅛	9.8	..
102¼	93¾	Treas 11½% 1989	101¾	-⅛	11.3	..
99¼	90	Treas 10½% 1989	98¾	-⅛	10.6	..
98¾	90¼	Exch 10% 1989	97¾	-⅛	10.2	..
100¾	94¼	Exch 10½% 1989	99¾	-⅛	10.3	..
77¼	76¾	Exch 2½% 1990	77¼	..	3.2	..
101¾	90¼	Exch 11% 1989	100¼	●-⅛	10.9	..
86¼	79	Treas 5% 1986-89	85¾	-⅛	5.8	..
101¾	94¼	Exch 11% 1990	101	-⅛	10.9	..
97¼	88	Treas C8¼% 1989	96¼	-⅛	9.9	..
85	79	Treas 3% 1989	84¾	-⅛	3.5	..
108¼	100	Treas 13% 1990	107¼	-⅛	12.1	..
108¼	99¼	Exch 12½% 1990	105¼	-⅛	11.8	..
81¼	75¾	Treas 3% 1990	81¼	-⅛	3.7	..
93¾	86¾	Treas 8¼% 1987-90	92¾	-⅛	8.9	..
101	91¼	Treas 10% 1990	97¼	-⅛	10.3	..
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS						
108½	96¾	Treas 11¾% 1991	104	-⅛	11.3	..
87¾	79	Fund 5¾% 1987-91	87¾	-⅛	6.6	..
105½	95¾	Exch 11% 1991	102	-⅛	10.8	..
112¾	100	Treas 12¾% 1992	109¼	-⅛	11.6	..
100¼	87½	Treas 10% 1992	98¼	-⅛	10.2	..
104¼	94	Treas C10¼% 1992	100	-⅛	10.5	..
111	98¾	Exch 12¼% 1992	107¼	-⅛	11.4	..
117¼	102½	Exch 13½% 1992	113¼	●-⅛	11.9	..
99	94¼	Treas 10% 1993	97¼	-⅛	10.2	..
113¼	99½	Treas 12½% 1993	109¼	-⅛	11.4	..
83¾	74¾	Fund 6% 1993	83	●-⅛	7.2	..
121¾	108½	Treas 13¾% 1993	116	-⅛	11.9	..
125¾	105¾	Treas 14½% 1994	121	-⅛	12.0	..
119¾	107¾	Exch 12½% 1994	115¼	-⅛	11.7	..
113½	97¾	Exch 13½% 1994	110½	-⅛	11.3	..
95¾	83¾	Treas 9% 1994	92¼	-⅛	9.8	..
111	97¾	Treas 12% 1995	108	-⅛	11.1	..
71¾	61¾	Gas 3% 1990-95	71½	-⅛	4.2	..
101	88¾	Exch 10¼% 1995	98½	-⅛	10.4	..
118¾	104¾	Treas 12¾% 1995	113¾	-⅛	11.3	..
124	109	Treas 14% 1996	120¼	-⅛	11.7	..
94¾	84¾	Treas 9% 1992-96	92¾	●-⅛	9.7	..
134¾	120¾	Treas 15¼% 1996	128¾	-⅛	11.9	..
122¾	108¾	Exch 13¼% 1996	117	-⅛	11.3	..
121¾	106¾	Treas 13¼% 1997	117½	-⅛	11.3	..
102	83¾	Exch 10½% 1997	100¾	-⅛	10.5	..
91¾	79¾	Treas 8¾% 1997	90	●-⅛	9.7	..
132¾	119¾	Exch 15% 1997	128	-⅛	11.7	..
79¾	69¾	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	77¾	-⅛	8.7	..
98¾	86	Exch 9½% 1998	96	-⅛	10.2	..
137¾	122¾	Treas 15½% 1998	133¾	●-⅛	11.6	..
115¾	102	Exch 12% 1998	110¾	-⅛	10.8	..
97½	85¾	Treas 9½% 1999	95¾	-⅛	10.0	..
116¾	103¾	Exch 12¼% 1999	113¾	●-⅛	10.8	..
105¾	93¾	Treas 10½% 1999	101¾	-⅛	10.3	..
103¾	91¾	Conv 10¼% 1999	99½	-⅛	10.3	..
122½	108¾	Treas 13% 2000	119¾	-⅛	10.9	..
OVER FIFTEEN YEARS						
100¾	91¼	Treas 10% 2001	99½	-⅛	10.1	..
98¼	89½	Conv 9¾% 2001	97¾	-⅛	10.0	..
128¼	114½	Treas 14% 1998-01	123¾	-⅛	11.4	..
101¼	92¼	Conv 10% 2002	99¾	-⅛	10.0	..
114¼	100¼	Exch 12% 1999-02	111¾	-⅛	10.8	..
99	90	Treas 9¾% 2002	97¼	-⅛	10.0	..
101¼	93¼	Treas 10% 2003	100¼	-⅛	10.0	..
127¾	112¼	Treas 13¾% 2000-03	124¼	-⅛	11.1	..
113¼	101¾	Treas 11½% 2001-04	110¼	●-⅛	10.4	..
101¼	94¼	Treas 10% 2004	99¾	-⅛	10.0	..
53¼	46	Fund 3½% 1999-04	53	-⅛	6.6	..
97¾	87½	Conv 9½% 2004	95¼	-⅛	9.9	..
97	90¼	Conv 9½% 2005	96	-⅛	9.9	..
108¾	94¼	Exch 10½% 2005	104¾	●-⅛	10.1	..
122¼	110	Treas 12½% 2003-05	118¾	-⅛	10.5	..
85¼	78¼	Treas 8% 2002-06	84¼	-⅛	9.5	..
115¼	102	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	113	-⅛	10.4	..
130¼	115¼	Treas 13½% 2004-08	127¼	●-⅛	10.6	..
63¼	57	Treas 5½% 2008-12	62¾	●-⅛	8.8	..
83¾	74¼	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	82¾	-⅛	9.4	..
134	111	Exch 12% 2013-17	120¼	-⅛	10.0	..
UNDATED						
41¼	36¼	Consols 4%	40¾	-⅛	9.8	..
37¼	33¼	War Ln 3½%	35¾	-⅛	9.6	..
47¾	41	Conv 3½%	47¼	●-⅛	7.4	..
31¾	28¾	Treas 3%	31	-⅛	9.7	..
26¼	23¼	Consols 2½%	25¼	-⅛	9.7	..
26¼	23¼	Treas 2½%	25¾	●-⅛	9.7	..
INDEX-LINKED						
118½	105½	Treas IL 2% 1988	118	-⅛	2.1	..
102¾	91	Treas IL 2% 1990	101¼	-⅛	2.2	..
114¼	108	Treas IL 2% 1996	112¼	●-⅛	2.5	..
103¼	95¼	Treas IL2½% 2001	98	-⅛	3.1	..
103¼	93¼	Treas IL2½% 2003	98¼	-⅛	3.1	..
106¼	96¼	Treas IL 2% 2006	100¼	-⅛	2.7	..
103¼	92¼	Treas IL2½% 2009	95¼	-⅛	3.1	..
108¼	97	Treas IL2½% 2011	101¼	-⅛	3.2	..
91¼	79¼	Treas IL2½% 2013	85¼	●-⅛	3.2	..
99¼	87¼	Treas IL2½% 2016	92¼	-⅛	3.2	..
98¼	86¼	Treas IL2½% 2020	90¼	-⅛	3.2	..

BANKS DISCOUNT HP

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
245	90	Allied Irish	243	..	9.0	3.7	..
86	46	Ansbacher (Henry)	67	..	..	..	40.4
321	194½	Aus New Z	260	+10	15.0	5.8	..
18½	8¼	Bankamerica	£12⅛	+½	..	..	..
445	225	Bank Of Ireland	440	-5	17.0	3.9	..
15½	8½	Bank Leumi Israel	£8½	..	..	..	..
290	215	Bank Leumi UK	240	● ..	18.0	6.7	11.2
444	351½	Bank Of Scotland	384	..	18.0r	4.7	9.3
482	332	Barclays	482	+10	24.0	5.0	9.0
450	380	Brown Shipley	450	..	13.2	2.9	19.9
548	423	Cater Allen	513	-5	41.3	8.1	12.5
48½	23½	Carnes	45½	-1	2.3	5.1	15.5
30¼	17	Chase Manhattan	£30¼	a+1½	384	12.0	..
42½	27½	Citicorp	£38	+1½	206	5.4	..
72	32	Clive	43	-1	1.3	3.0	7.8
70	27	Com Bank Wales	70	●+2	3.4	4.9	10.8
107½	42½	Commerzbank	£91½	+3½	6.0	0.1	..
264	104½	Deutsche Bank	£234½	+4½	20.0	5.1	..
197	74½	First Nat Finance	185	-3	4.0	2.2	11.2
372	249	Gerrard Nat	324	-10	18.9	5.8	18.9
82	55	Guinness Peat	80	+1	2.7	3.4	12.8
248	131	Hambros	241	+1	9.6	4.0	20.2
31	12½	Do (50p)	£31	+1	95.7	3.1	25.9
380	273	Hill Samuel	380	+2	17.0	4.5	10.0
99	61½	HK Shanghai	69	+½	..	..	..
393	233	Joseph (Leopold)	393	..	17.4	4.4	20.5
189	138	King & Shaxson	166	+2	11.8	7.1	20.0
735	375	Kleinwort Benson	735	+5	21.4r	2.9	13.8
514	346	Lloyds	499	+7	26.9	5.4	7.6
42	22	Manson	34	..	2.1	6.2	13.0
816	398	Mercury Secs	818	+15	22.9	2.8	12.7
504	352	Midland	479	+7	36.4	7.6	7.9
270	173	Nat Aust Bk	256	+6	..	..	..
724	567	Nat West	709	+7	37.6	5.3	8.0
105	66½	Ottoman	£105	..	550	5.2	22.8
380	193	Provident	380	+2	15.7	4.4	15.2
80	58	Rea Bros	73	..	1.8	2.5	21.7
120	92	Rothschild (J) Hld	119	-1	6.5	5.5	14.2
21½	13⅝	Royl Bnk Of Can	£13⅞	+¼	..	..	..
294	216	Royl Bnk Of Scot	286	..	13.7	4.8	8.4
12½	728	Schroders	£12⅞	+⅛	28.4	2.1	17.8
70	33	Smith St Aubyn	35	..	1.0	2.9	3.2
542	419	Stand Chart	494	+2	42.1	8.5	7.7
746	603	Union	673	● ..	52.8	7.8	67.8
152	56	Wagon	152	..	1.4	0.9	18.5
55¼	38¾	Wells Fargo	£55¼	+1¼	..	..	..
260	220	Wintrust	250	●-5	7.1	2.8	16.9

BREWERIES

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
309	153	Allied-Lyons	293	●-5	11.6	4.0	17.2
703	471	Bass	685	-13	21.0	3.1	14.6
61	36	Belhaven	46	..	1.1	2.4	25.4
100	68	Boddingtons	99	..	4.2	4.2	14.3
573	258	Brown (Matthew)	415	..	20.0	4.8	15.3
189	119	Bulmer (H P)	167	● ..	7.0	4.2	13.5
530	405	Burtonwood Brew	485	..	14.3	2.9	11.4
485	225	Clark (Matthew)	470	● ..	10.7	2.3	19.0
825	417	Devenish (J A)	820	-5	18.6	2.3	24.0
638	270	Distillers	627	..	22.8n	3.7	12.8
198	159	Greenall Whitley	170	-2	7.9r	4.6	12.1
254	146	Greene King	205	+2	7.2	3.5	14.5
325	225	Guinness	285	●+2	10.3	3.6	10.8
457	324	Hardys & Hansons	457	● ..	24.1	5.3	11.8
85	59	Highland Dist	74	..	2.8	3.8	14.9
177	124	Invergordon Dist	160	..	6.1	3.8	11.7
258	120	Irish Dist	258	+5	6.0	2.3	..
93	57	Marston Thompson	91	..	2.9	3.2	15.7
239	179	Morland	237	..	9.1	3.8	13.1
338	108	SA Breweries	244	+3	..	..	..
199	128	Scot & New	197	-2	10.0r	5.1	13.4
40¼	27¼	Seagram	£37	+1	41.1	1.1	..
410	258	Vaux	375	-3	15.8	4.2	14.5
280	184	Whitbread 'A'	285	-3	10.2	3.6	13.5
278	185	Do 'B'	288	-3	10.2	3.6	13.6
235	162	Whitbread Inv	213	-2	9.9	4.6	31.4
453	270	Wolverhmptn & D	451	..	12.2	2.7	16.5
245	185	Young 'A'	205	..	9.4	4.6	16.4

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
246	172	Aberdeen Constr	246	+2	10.5	4.3	15.4
280	213	Amec	236	+1	15.7	6.7	9.3
60	29	Amcliffe	58	..	0.1n	0.2	8.9
153	82	Attwoods	147	-1	5.7	3.9	13.5
415	208	BPB Industries	415	..	11.6	2.8	16.5
339	204	Baggeridge Brick	339	+5	9.8	2.9	12.3
152	64	Barratt Devs	140	-4	10.9	7.8	..
34	19	Bailey(Ben) Constr	24	..	0.4	1.7	4.8
154	113	Bellway	154	..	10.0	6.5	17.4
71	60	Benford Concrete	69	..	5.4	7.8	36.3
87	51	Bett Bros	67	● ..	4.4	6.6	18.9
925	545	Blockleys	900	..	32.9	3.7	12.9
608	466	Blue Circle	588	-5	28.6	4.9	8.1
261	194	Breedon&Cloud Hill	261	..	13.6	5.2	31.4
91	58	Brickhouse Dudley	91	..	4.9	5.4	15.4
80	55	Br Dredging	67	..	3.6	5.4	15.0
29	11	Brown & Jackson	23	..	..	..	15.9
83	55	Brownlee	64	..	4.4	6.9	7.2
98	64	Bryant	98	+1	4.7	4.8	12.4
190	15	Burnett & Hallam	18	+2	5.7	31.7	2.0
155	145	Cakebread Robey	150	..	4.4	2.9	25.0
109	50	Cement-Roadstone	109	+4	4.0	3.7	..
70	42	Conder Grp	68	..	2.1	3.1	28.1
526	335	Costain	482	-2	22.1	4.6	10.2
334	194	Countryside	334	● ..	8.2	2.5	9.0
156	84	Crouch (Derek)	156	..	8.5	5.4	34.1
118	60	Dew (George)	96	●+6	8.6	9.0	13.5
95	45	Douglas (RM)	85	● ..	2.5r	2.9	15.1
72	58	Erith	72	..	4.4	6.1	11.5
113	81	Fep	91	..	4.2	4.5	12.4
92	54	Do 'A'	70	..	4.2	6.0	8.5
86	63	Finlan Gp	65	● ..	5.4	8.3	25.4
88	64	Galliford	82	..	6.3	7.7	13.3
116	103	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	106	..	2.3	2.2	35.9
294	204	Gleeson (MJ)	294	..	7.7	2.6	10.2
119	89	HAT	97	●-2	5.4	5.6	10.1
102	24	Helical Bar	102	+15	.. n	..	20.7
55	33	Hewden-Stuart	53	..	2.3	4.3	10.7
177	114	Heywood Williams	176	-1	8.9	5.1	10.3
513	281	Higgs & Hill	513	+3	18.3	3.6	13.9
180	129	Ibstock Johnsen	168	-2	6.1	3.6	12.9
328	260	Jarvis (J) & Sons	285	..	25.0	8.8	9.8
354	199	Laing (J)	352	-1	8.8	2.5	11.2
348	196	Do 'A'	342	-1	8.9	2.6	10.9
99	67	Lawrence (Walter)	95	r ..	5.2r	5.5	7.0
79	58	Lilley (FJC)	78	..	5.3	6.8	11.8
348	195	Lovell (YJ)	348	● ..	10.0	2.9	12.3
160	104	Magnet & South	138	●+2	6.7	4.9	14.3
205	161	Manders	205	+3	10.9	5.3	12.9
188	110	Marshalls (Halifax)	185	● ..	7.1	3.8	13.7
107	74	May & Hassell	102	..	5.4n	5.3	..
386	232	McAlpine (Alfred)	376	-2	17.9	4.8	10.8
200	112	Meyer Int	196	..	7.7	3.9	10.8
23	14	Miller (Stanley)	23	..	0.7	3.0	..
134	105	Monk (A)	127	+1	9.3	7.3	17.1
374	198	Mowlem (John)	374	..	19.6	5.2	25.2
880	600	Newarthill	880	..	15.7	1.8	16.2
201	143	Nottingham Brick	195	..	9.3	4.8	14.8
142	96	Persimmon	142	..	6.8	4.8	10.4
132	86	Phoenix Timber	102	..	4.3	4.2	3.8
385	180	Pochins	380	..	18.4	4.8	8.4
534	342	RMC	530	..	18.8	3.6	11.9
412	255	Redland	408	..	15.5	3.8	15.0
177	93	Roberts Adlard	153	..	8.6	5.6	12.9
238	145	Ruberoid	230	..	11.7	4.8	12.2
186	118	Rugby Cement	160½	-½	8.9	5.5	11.8
273	132	SGB	264	●+2	10.7	4.1	10.2
97	62	Sharpe & Fisher	92	-1	3.2	3.5	14.4
79	53	Smart (J)	73	..	6.2	8.5	15.5
420	227	Tarmac	412	-4	11.7	2.8	17.2
558	348	Taylor Woodrow	538	..	21.4	4.0	14.8
162	108	Tilbury Group	150	-1	7.0	4.7	12.9
385	225	Travis & Arnold	385	+3	11.3	3.1	13.0
107	82	Trent	82	● ..	1.6	2.0	9.8
343	143	Turriff	180	..	10.0	6.3	29.5
248	135	Vibroplant	248	● ..	13.4	5.4	10.9
286	128	Ward	261	●+5	10.4	4.0	13.9
95	58	Warrington (T)	66	-1	5.7n	8.5	7.6
230	173	Watts Blake	200	-2	6.0	3.0	18.1
80	62	Wettern Bros	80	..	1.4n	1.8	16.0
55	28	Wiggins	55	+2	.. n	..	..
352	172	Wilson (Connolly)	352	+2	4.5	1.3	17.3
170	97	Wimpey (George)	161	-4	4.6	2.9	15.3

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
44¾	23¼	AKZO N/V Bearer	£43⅞	+½	400	9.1	..
256	121	Allied Colloids	170	-3	3.3	1.9	17.7
383	273	Amersham	353	+3	8.8	2.5	17.2
260	180	Anchor Chemical	230	-5	6.1	2.7	8.5
130	78	BTP	129	..	3.7	4.4	18.7
99½	51⅛	Bayer DM50	£99½	+3	700	7.0	..
124	100	Blagden	124	+2	10.3	8.3	9.3
134	104	Brent Chems	127	+2	5.1	4.0	15.8
79½	9½	Br Benzol	75½	-1	..	..	83.8
107	79	Canning (W)	101	+1	5.1	5.0	14.9
275	224	Coalite	268	+1	9.5	3.5	14.0
188	131	Coates Bros	145	..	6.6	4.6	8.8
168	112	Do 'A'	115	..	6.6	5.7	8.5
26	14	Cory (Horace)	15½	-1½	0.7	4.5	3.2
151	116	Croda	141	..	10.0	7.1	14.8
111	82	Do Dfd	110	..	..	..	11.4
227	158	Ellis & Everard	196	● ..	8.6	4.5	17.2
258	175	Foseco-Minsep	256	+4	11.9	4.6	10.0
144	86	Halstead (James)	134	-1	5.7	4.3	10.4
488	318	Hickson	380	..	21.4	5.6	8.6
95¼	51	Hoechst DM50	£95¼	+1¼	..	..	..
949	630	Imp Chem Ind	924	-5	47.1	5.1	10.7
373	278	Laporte	363	-2	10.5	2.9	18.4
121	84	Leigh	109	..	4.7	4.3	17.2
186	141	Plysu	182	..	3.3	1.8	18.8
82	53	Reabrook Hldgs	81	+2	3.0	3.7	16.6
182	126	Rentokil	156	-1	3.2	2.1	21.2
304	94	SNIA BPD	304	..	..	..	..
328	162	Wolstenholme Rink	203	+3	11.1	5.5	9.4
112	56	Yorkshire Chem	110	-2	4.3	3.9	10.5

CINEMAS AND TV

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
203	120	Anglia TV 'A'	203	..	12.9	6.4	14.3
64	26	Grampian	36	..	2.4	6.7	8.1
185	118	HTV N/V	180	..	11.0	6.1	8.2
301	218	LWT Hldgs	290	..	20.6	7.1	11.6
288	128	Scot TV 'A'	282	..	12.7	4.8	10.6
186	110	TVS N/V	175	●+2	11.4	6.5	8.4
38	23	TSW	38	..	2.4	6.3	10.4

DRAPERY AND STORES

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
104	50½	Aquascutum 'A'	94	..	3.3	3.5	35.5
100	51½	Beattie (James) 'A'	92	-3	3.0	3.3	14.9
163	60	Benalls	150	..	3.1	2.1	30.5
52	9	Blacks Leis	14	..	.. n	..	..
66	48	Bremner	58	..	1.4	2.4	43.3
565	220	Brown (N)	550	..	13.9	2.5	28.0
317	204	Burtons	280	-4	6.3	2.4	18.0
120	63	Cantors 'A'	120	●+2	3.2	2.7	30.8
54	35	Casket (S)	45	..	3.1	6.9	8.7
355	224	Church	340	-5	20.7	6.1	11.4
186	87	Combined English	181	● ..	7.7	4.3	25.3
138	95	Courts (Furn) 'A'	126	● ..	6.7	5.3	10.4
93	67½	Dewhirst (IJ)	92	..	1.4	1.5	21.7
304	131	Dixons Grp	296	s-6	2.3	0.8	33.1
423	271	Dunhill	413	..	6.1	1.5	20.9
81	56½	Ellis & Goldstein	73	..	3.3	4.4	10.2
665	380	Elys (Wimbledon)	665	+10	12.9	1.9	30.4
176	92	Empire Stores	166	-4	3.6	2.2	28.4
230	130	Etam	228	..	4.6	2.0	24.8
98	27	Executex Clothes	78	..	..	..	14.4
139	72	Fine Art Dev	126	..	4.7	3.7	22.5
133½	25¼	Ford (Martin)	133½	+12½	..	..	..
186	143	Formminster	185	● ..	8.6	4.6	9.5
392	182	Freemans	374	●-4	8.3	2.2	21.9
110	79½	Geller (AJ)	98	● ..	7.5	7.8	9.6
154	60	Gent SR	64	-4	2.9	4.5	38.6
105	43	Goldberg (A)	104	●+1	2.1	2.0	77.8
237	153	Goldsmiths Gp	186	-2	10.7	5.7	13.2
394	152	Grattan	386	..	5.7	1.5	24.7
13½	684	GUS	£11¼	● ..	26.8	2.3	18.8
937	574	Do 'A'	909	●-13	26.8	2.9	14.8
286	168	Harris Queensway	236	-4	5.9	2.5	21.8
29½	22	Helene Of London	23	..	2.3	8.2	9.1
38	21	Hollas	37	●-1	3.0	8.1	16.4
387	240	Home Charm	318	-52	4.2	1.3	23.2
128	93	House Of Lerose	122	..	11.4	9.3	11.4
90	71½	Jones (Ernest)	84	● ..	9.8	6.9	18.1
38	21	Ladies Pride	25	+1	1.1	4.4	18.5
134	83	LCP	123	..	8.0	4.8	21.0
226	100	Lee Cooper	193	-5	5.3	2.7	9.1
845	370	Liberty	830	..	10.0	1.2	38.7
190	142	Lincroft Kilgour	183	●+7	10.0	5.5	12.6
195	111	Marks & Spencer	187	-4	5.1	2.7	26.9
336	218	Menzies (John)	311	-2	5.1	1.6	18.2
195	116	Millets Leisure	185	..	2.9	1.6	49.6
615	308	Moss Bros	580	+5	7.4	1.3	42.4
150	94	NSS Newsagents	138	..	5.1	3.7	14.4
244	154	Next	238	-5	5.4	2.3	27.5
385	313	Oliver (G)	338	..	11.7	3.5	25.5
640	331	Our Price	520	●-10	7.9	1.5	32.8
71	38	Pentos	71	..	0.5	0.7	26.9
87	55	Peters Stores	82	-2	1.4	1.7	39.2
118	89	Preedy (Alfred)	108	-3	5.5	5.1	19.3
131	48	Ratners (Jewellers)	125	● ..	3.7	2.9	39.0
40½	23½	Raybeck	39	-½	1.1	2.8	..
315	155	Reed (Austin)	315	..	7.1	2.3	38.0
183	98	Do 'A'	144	..	7.1	4.9	19.5
38	16	S & U Stores	32	..	..	..	25.4
185	118	Samuel (H)	170	+7	6.0	3.5	43.8
92	72	Do 'A'	78	+1	6.0	7.7	20.0
127½	78	Sears	124	-1	4.4	3.5	15.3
335	200	Simpson (S) 'A'	325	..	8.2	2.5	12.6
320	180	Smith (WH) 'A'	294	●-6	7.8	2.6	20.1
64	31	Do 'B'	58	● ..	1.5	2.6	19.9
81	42	Stanley (AG)	73	-4	3.6	4.9	20.9
115	58	Stanberg	108	..	3.5	3.2	15.6
336	273	Storehouse	300	-13	11.0	3.7	18.6
85	25	Sumrie Clothes	58	..	..	..	..
501	373	Superdrug Stores	450	+4	8.4	1.4	22.1
57	40	Tern-Consulate	47	..	2.9n	6.2	10.4
63½	27½	Time Products	63½	+1	2.5	3.9	13.2
196	180	Underwoods	184	-1	2.4	1.3	32.9
462	257	Vantona Viyella	446	-2	17.1r	3.8	10.6
235	140	WW Group	235	+10	11.3	4.8	8.8
328	203	Ward White	272	-2	8.5	3.1	15.8
148	98	Wigfalls	98	..	3.6n	3.7	..
610	277½	Woolworth	486	..	12.8	2.6	20.9

ELECTRICALS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
637	175	AB Elect	315	..	11.4	3.6	23.5
388	83	Amstrad	366	●+2	1.6	0.4	27.7
285	48	Apricot Computers	82	+3	2.1	2.6	6.5
90	28	Arlen	85	-2	..	..	..
303	185	Atlantic Comp	280	..	2.4	0.9	14.5
60	25	Audio Fidelity	51	..	..	..	16.3
200	138	Auto Sec	188	+8	1.9	1.1	13.1
308	185	BICC	300	-3	15.1	5.0	12.8
185	43	BSR	95	-1	2.4	2.5	6.3
484	308	Bowthorpe	471	-3	8.2	1.7	22.8
206	164½	Br Telecom 80p P	204	..	8.9	4.9	13.4
97	70	Brown Boveri Kent	86	..	3.6	4.2	11.8
31	10	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	13½	..	1.9	14.1	31.4
309	95	CASE	119	..	1.9	1.6	10.0
653	440	Cable & Wireless	637	●+2	13.6	2.1	21.2
378	195	Cambridge Elec	311	..	10.2	3.3	14.4
220	138	CAP Gp	220	..	2.1	1.0	..
53	26	Chloride	45	..	..	..	10.6
226	128	Do 7½% CPF	183	..	..	..	..
270	193	Comcap	265	-5	1.7	0.6	20.8
305	200	Cray Elect	256	●-2	4.6	1.8	33.6
240	55	Crystalate	198	-2	6.1	3.1	12.0
85	61	Dale Elect	77	● ..	6.4n	8.3	26.5
180	97	Dataserv	180	+2	1.0	0.6	..
37	14	Dewhurst 'A'	32	●-1	1.5	4.7	7.2
350	245	Domino	350	● ..	2.5	0.7	23.8
46	31	Dowding & Mills	43	..	2.0	4.7	13.7
208	134	Dubilier	192	-2	4.0	2.1	14.1
438	255	Electrocomponents	425	-3	7.9	1.9	26.4
65	38	Electronic Mach	65	● ..	1.0	1.5	89.0
55	39	Electronic Rentals	48	..	4.6	9.6	16.8
277	156	Emess Lighting	277	..	7.8	2.9	29.2
368	258	Eurotherm	350	● ..	6.8	1.9	18.8
228	138	Farnell Elect	225	+2	2.9	1.3	25.8
184	104	Ferranti	136	-2	2.3	1.7	18.8
203	89	First Castle Elec	200	-2	3.0	1.5	17.4
40	20	Forward Tech	33	..	.. n	..	16.7
230	160	GEC	200	●-2	5.8	2.9	13.8
184	94	Grosvenor	99	..	8.2	8.3	8.3
129	78	Highland Elect	101	-2	3.6	3.6	12.9
183	130	IBL	163	..	1.7	1.0	20.4
353	243	Int Signal & Control	336	-3	1.0	0.3	..
200	130	Jones Stroud	183	● ..	10.7	5.8	8.8
215	85	Kode	115	+10	7.1	6.2	9.8
341	218	Lec Refrigeration	283	+20	17.9	6.3	7.8
368½	98	Logica	162	-2	1.4	0.9	17.5
335	220	MK Elect	315	-3	14.6	4.6	10.3
405	235	Memec	400	..	3.6	0.9	37.4
235	34	Micro BS	73	..	2.5	3.4	11.5
970	100	Micro Focus	175	..	.. n	..	..
98	33	Multitone Elec	50	..	4.0a	8.0	37.6
94	59	Murray Elect	60	..	0.1	0.2	..
45	16	Newman	30	..	1.1	3.7	8.7
283	170	Newmark (Louis)	270	● ..	19.3	7.1	12.3
103½	78½	NEI	102½	..	7.5	7.3	17.2
172	22	Oceonics	43	..	1.1	2.6	8.7
478	238	Oxford Instruments	473	● ..	2.0	0.4	25.5
44	24	Phicom	26	..	1.8	6.2	7.2
164¼	95¼	Philips Fin 5⅞%	£147¼	+¼	575	3.9	..
17½	10	Philips Lamps N/V	£17	+¼	..	..	..
205	115	Pifco	185	+5	7.5	3.8	10.8
180	111½	Do 'A' Ltd Voting	145	..	7.5	3.2	7.9
214	114	Plessey	206	-4	6.6	3.2	16.4
21	13⅝	Do ADR 25	£21	+¼	..	..	..
188	65	Pressac	153	..	3.1	2.0	22.3
80	22	Quest Automation	29	-1	..	..	13.9
288	120	Racal Elect	194	●-5	4.3	2.2	12.4
196	142	Rotaflex	186	-2	6.7	3.6	11.5
503	382	Scholes (GH)	503	..	28.6	5.7	11.3
88	71	Shorrock	78	..	2.1	2.7	16.8
140	21	Sound Diffusion	41	..	0.6	1.5	7.9
289	72	STC	116	-8	.. n	..	5.9
197	137	Stone Intl	182	● ..	6.5	3.6	11.4
119	74	System Designers	116	..	0.8	0.5	42.6
21⅛	10¼	TDK	£14⅛	+½	..	..	..
230	168	Telephone Rentals	196	-4	10.0	5.1	14.2
400	88	Telemetrix	95	-3	2.5	2.6	5.4
484	301	Thorn EMI	439	●-8	25.0	5.7	15.7
185	149	Thorpe (FW)	185	..	5.6	3.0	9.2
365	188	Tunstall Telecom	285	-5	2.4	0.8	19.6
278	158	UEI	274	-2	7.5	2.7	24.5
308	173	Unitech	258	●-2	8.5	3.3	13.8
350	236	Utd Leasing	251	-2	5.3	2.1	8.0
270	150	Utd Scientific	165	●-5	8.1	4.9	13.6
378	244	VG Instruments	378	..	2.7	0.7	32.7
258	123	Volex	251	●+3	11.4	4.5	10.4
65	40	Western Selection	57	+1	3.9	6.8	18.3
103	58	Whitworth Elec	90	..	2.2	2.4	13.8
325	220	Wholesale Fitting	240	● ..	9.8	4.1	12.3

FINANCE AND LAND

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
334	210	Abingworth	236	-4	1.8	0.8	..
193	126	Aitken Hume	172	..	11.0	6.4	7.2
345	200	Amtofagasta	340	..	20.0	5.9	5.5
151	70	Berkley Tech	123	●+3	..	..	..
28½	17¼	Camellia	£24	..	16.7	0.7	..
218	158	Candover	198	+2	2.9	1.5	58.8
36	10	Centreway	25	..	..	..	..
20¼	16¼	Equity & Gen	18⅞	..	1.3	6.9	8.4
253	120	Hambro	241	● ..	10.4	4.3	34.5
193	91	Ivory & Sime	188	..	6.1	3.6	29.3
173	114	Majedie	172	+2	8.9	5.2	24.8
47	37	Nat Home Loans	40	..	..	..	..
48¾	38	Do 8%	£42	● ..	800	19.0	..

FOODS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
166	128	ASDA-MFI	150	●-2	4.1	2.7	19.1
27	18	Alpine Drinks	22½	+½	2.6	11.6	..
375	253	Argyll	335	-3	11.1n	3.3	16.3
294	194	AB Food	288	●-4	8.0	2.8	13.8
128	88	Assoc Fisheries	121	●-1	4.6	3.8	36.0
579	359	Avana	579	●-5	16.8	2.9	17.7
260	195	Banks (Sidney C)	248	● ..	14.6	5.9	7.3
13½	6	Barker & Dobson	13¼	..	..	..	22.2
311	183	Barr (AG)	311	● ..	12.1	3.9	8.8
208	133	Bassett Foods	178	-3	9.7	5.4	10.3
128	65½	Batleys	98	● ..	3.0	3.1	11.6
195	140	Bejam	176	-1	5.4	3.1	21.0
86	60	Bluebird Conf	86	..	7.4	8.6	24.4
75	37½	Br Vending (BVI)	71	+1	2.0	2.8	12.7
177	131	Cadbury-Schweppes	166	+2	6.4	8.1	17.2
180	108	Carrs Milling	173	..	8.6	5.0	9.5
190	130	Cliffords Dairies	190	..	8.8	5.1	14.2
183	115	Do 'A'	183	..	9.6	5.2	13.7
315	119	Cullens	263	..	..	..	..
285	149	Dee	268	-7	9.7	3.7	27.1
171	94	Fisher (Albert)	168	..	3.2	1.9	22.7
318	193	Fitch Lovell	302	●-14	14.6	4.8	22.9
313	220	Glass Glover	248	● ..	5.8	2.3	18.9
848	548	Hazlewood Foods	813	..	11.4	1.4	28.3
226	160	Hillards	193	● ..	4.4	2.3	17.9
218	143	Hillsdown Hldgs	218	+10	5.3	2.4	28.2
85	52	Home Farm	80	..	4.6	5.8	8.2
612	389	Iceland Frozen	554	..	8.6	1.5	28.2
264	170	Kwik Save	260	-2	6.9	2.7	19.1
106	47½	Lees (John J)	103	●-2	2.1	2.0	15.0
80	47	Lovell (GF)	80	..	4.3	5.4	58.0
638	498	Low (Wm)	600	..	17.1	2.9	18.9
600	254	Matthews (Bernard)	600	+5	11.1	1.9	28.3
113	76½	Meat Trade Supp	103	● ..	7.5	7.3	15.6
180	84	Morrison (W)	180	..	1.7	0.9	27.1
270	197	Nichols (JN) (Vimto)	240	..	7.9	3.3	19.0
83	67½	Normans	78	-4½	2.6	3.3	17.2
304	204	Nthn Foods	286	-4	10.4	3.6	15.4
170	130	Nurdin & Peacock	164	+2	5.2	3.2	15.5
137	105	Park Foods	131	..	5.4	4.1	13.2
196	122	RHM	193	+1	7.6	3.9	13.1
455	340	Rowntree Mac	430	-5	16.3	3.8	12.2
398	286	Sainsbury (J)	388	-2	6.8	1.8	25.5
145	117	Salvesen (Chstn)	140	-1	4.1	2.9	18.4
190	20	Somportex	174	..	..	..	..
610	418	Tate & Lyle	603	-7	31.4	5.2	12.3
349	219	Tesco	339	-5	7.4	2.2	23.7
252	140	Unigate	250	●-2	12.4	5.0	16.6
293	184	Utd Biscuits	226	+3	10.9	4.8	12.3
158	90	Watson & Philip	149	..	8.3	5.6	18.6

HOTELS AND CATERERS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
425	275	Grand Met	410	●-8	14.3	3.5	12.5
262	186	Kennedy Brookes	250	-2	2.1	0.8	12.9
381	241	Ladbroke	357	-4	15.0	4.2	21.8
465	348	Lon Park Hotels	450	..	14.3r	3.2	19.5
100	77	Mount Charlotte	87	-1	2.0	2.3	13.8
112	67	Prince Of W Hotels	70	+1	2.1	3.0	12.6
72½	48½	Queens Moat	67½	-2	2.2r	3.3	18.8
415	353	Savoy Hotels 'A'	393	..	3.6	0.9	19.3
78	29	Stakis	70	●-2	1.7	2.4	17.3
169	119	Trusthouse Forte	158	●-2	7.8	4.9	15.7

INDUSTRIALS A - D

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
221	118	AAH	217	..	10.1	4.7	17.2
257	182	AGB Research	212	●-2	9.6	4.5	22.8
128	93	AIM	96	● ..	8.2	8.5	10.8
301	216	APV	288	..	16.1	5.6	33.0
112	71	Aaronson	89	● ..	6.0	6.7	9.4
222	148	Adwest	204	-2	11.1	5.4	13.0
280	136	Alexandra W'wear	265	+5	7.1	2.7	20.4
145	85	Amber Ind	143	+3	9.7	6.8	10.4
385	86	Appledore	385	●+2	8.6	2.2	21.2
42	24	Arenson	34	..	..	..	6.9
30	15½	Armour	27	..	0.3	1.1	13.9
425	325	Ash & Lacey	385	..	28.6	7.8	11.2
87	14	Ashley	73	-1	..	..	54.9
305	165	Ass Br Eng 8%	305	● ..	11.4	3.7	..
408	303	Assoc Heat	388	..	18.7	4.5	17.8
52	15½	Aurora	52	+5	1.1r	2.1	14.9
345	218	Avon Rubber	293	-2	8.1	2.8	10.5
81	25	Ayrshire Metal	78	-1	2.1	2.7	21.0
211	52	BBA	193	-1	2.9n	1.5	24.1
415	278	BET Dfd	408	●-2	21.8	5.3	15.6
87	59	BETEC	71	..	2.1	3.0	9.2
335	248	BOC	334	●+6	13.4	4.0	12.7
443	296	BTR	428	-5	10.5	2.5	24.8
197	118	Babcock	184	-3	11.9	6.5	10.3
30½	13½	Bailey (CH)	21½	..	..	..	23.1
560	325	Baird (Wm)	500	-30	26.0r	5.2	11.7
276	160	Baker Perkins	267	-2	10.2	3.8	11.3
175	54	Barlo Ind	168	-5	7.9	4.8	19.1
165	112	Barham	159	..	2.9	1.8	24.1
495	180	Barlow Rand	397	+9	..	..	..
49½	38	Barrow Hepburn	48½	..	3.4	7.0	14.8
210	130	Barton Transport	190	..	25.7	14.3	5.5
61	23	Baynes (Charles)	27	●-1	2.2	8.1	..
198	138	Beatson Clarke	190	+4	9.4	4.9	9.0
115	66	Beauford	115	+5	6.8	5.9	10.4
391	275	Beecham	350	-6	16.1	4.6	14.5
		Bellair Cosmetics			f		
45	18	Benlox	38	+1	1.6	6.2	14.4
211	132	Beresford (S&W)	207	+5	15.0	7.2	9.7
118	73	Berisfords	115	● ..	7.5	6.5	11.0
327	100	Bespak	119	● ..	6.1	5.1	6.8
345	204	Bestobell	279	..	.. n	..	14.8
450	129	Bestwood	450	+2	8.9r	1.9	56.6
33	15	Bevan (DF)	31	● ..	2.0r	6.5	7.8
305	220	Bibby (J)	305	..	9.5	3.1	18.8
205	135	Biddle	198	+13	14.3	7.2	9.9
103	61	Billam (J)	93	..	4.0	4.3	5.9
115	80	Birmid Qualcast	113½	●-1½	5.4	4.8	9.4
143	102½	Birmingham Mint	143	..	8.6	6.0	14.7
174	75	Black Arrow	154	-12	6.4	4.2	13.0
243	190	Black (Peter)	211	● ..	2.4	1.1	19.8
44½	22	Blackwood Hodge	41	..	..	..	17.8
230	178	Bodycote	230	..	8.6	3.7	11.4
331	223	Booker McConnell	323	..	16.4	5.1	13.5
274	160	Boots	228	-3	9.3	4.1	15.8
10½	5¼	Boulton (Wm)	9¼	..	..	..	..
368	214	Bowater	305	-5	12.5	4.1	11.3
24	15	Bowthorpe Inc	£20	..	..	..	..
138	75	Braithwaite Grp	120	..	13.0a	10.8	..
412	277	Brammer	363	-8	17.9	4.9	18.5
72	38	Brasway	69	● ..	3.2	4.6	10.0
57	30	Brengreen	39	..	2.1	5.4	12.3
54	28	Bridgend Gp	43	..	..	..	..
150	97	Bridon	132	+7	6.1	4.6	10.2
185	99½	Bridport-Gundry	178	-2	7.1	4.0	13.8
155	115	Br Bldg & Eng App	125	..	0.9	0.7	65.8
184	114	Br Steam	182	-2	9.6	5.3	12.5
146	77	Br Syphon	122	+3	3.8	3.1	32.5
244	153	Br Vita	244	+13	9.3	3.8	10.0
383	227½	Broken Hill	313	+12	..	..	..
50	24	Bromsgrove Inds	38	-5	1.8	3.2	11.0
21	10½	Bronx Eng	20	-1	0.7	3.5	..
38	20	Brooke Tool	38	●+5	1.8	4.7	7.7
177	121	Brown & Tawse	170	●-5	9.6	5.6	11.3
38	19	Brown (John)	20	-1	..	..	..
78	50	Bruntons (Mus)	55	..	4.3	7.8	12.4
293	184	Bullough	271	●-2	11.7	4.3	12.9
185	110	Burgess	184	+2	2.9	1.6	17.5
71	38	Burns-Anderson	64	..	3.9	6.1	13.9
88	28	Camford Eng	68	●+2	2.5	3.7	8.1
38	28½	Caparo Ind	32½	-1	2.4	7.4	13.3
67	33	Cape Ind	65	..	.. n	..	4.5
303	169	Carclo Eng	303	..	17.9r	5.9	7.3
63	38	Castings	57	-5	3.8	6.7	8.5
38½	20	Celestion	38	..	1.4	3.7	19.2
11	4½	Central & Sheer	7	..	.. n	..	14.0
27	10	Centreway Ind	19½	..	.. n	..	37.5
60	40	CH Ind	56	+6	3.1	5.5	10.1
85½	65½	Chamberlain Ph	71½	..	5.5	7.7	9.2
84	48	Chamberlin & Hill	63	..	3.0	6.0	9.8
255	186	Charter Cons	253	+2	15.7	6.2	50.2
588	401	Chemring	570	..	19.3	3.4	12.4
343	206	Christies Int	325	-4	7.3	2.4	17.0
43	31	Christy Hunt	37	..	..	..	10.5
190	73	Clarke (Clement)	187	..	6.5	3.5	26.9
146	62	Clayton Son	118	..	10.7	9.1	9.2
530	380	Cohen (A)	400	● ..	15.4	3.9	7.6
191	102	Coloroll Gp	188	+1	6.5	..	..
38	7	Combined Tech	14½	-½	..	..	..
95	61	Concentric	83	+1	5.3	6.4	11.4
39	20	Cont Stationery	27	● ..	2.5	9.3	6.9
95	52	Cook (Wm)	85	+1	4.9	5.2	15.6
468	230½	Cookson	463	-2	9.3	2.0	12.3
288	135	Cope Allman	263	-5	11.0	3.9	13.1
70	22	Copson (F)	48	..	2.1	4.4	27.0
75½	55	Cosalt	73	+1	3.9	5.3	11.3
385	210	Courtney Pope	357	..	12.9	3.6	11.4
81	31	Cowen De Groot	68	●-3	3.2	4.7	30.4
142	80	Crest Nicholson	138	● ..	5.9	4.3	10.5
182	126	Crown House	182	..	11.1	6.1	10.5
287½	148½	Cummins 3¾%	£206½	-10	375	1.8	..
43	22	DSC	40	+1	0.7n	1.8	..
483	350	DPCE	470	● ..	4.5	1.0	34.2
275	196½	Dalgety	268	..	17.9	6.7	10.2
28½	15½	Dana	£23½	+¼	..	..	..
68	33	Dawes & Mat 'A'	53	..	3.2	6.0	..
220	133	Davies & Newman	210	..	13.4	6.4	8.7
127	81	Davy	96	● ..	5.3	5.5	9.3
940	715	De La Rue	920	+5	42.9	4.7	12.1
231	105½	Delta	219	..	7.2	3.3	11.9
208	106	Dartland Stamping	201	●+1	9.3	4.6	11.4
253	132	Desoutter	248	-5	8.7	3.9	10.3
19½	10½	Dinkie Heel	18½	..	0.8	4.3	17.5
333	158	Diploma	333	+2	7.5	2.3	20.8
97½	68	Dobson Park	89½	●-½	7.4	8.3	12.8
115	73	Dom	108	●-2	7.1	6.6	11.9
118	74	Dominion Int	113	..	7.6	6.7	8.5
74	26	Dupont	69½	..	2.6	3.7	17.8
65	12	Dwek	63	-1	..	..	32.5
91	66	Dyson (J&J)	90	● ..	5.7	6.3	21.9
87	64	Do 'A'	77	● ..	5.7	7.4	18.7

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395	263	Eastern Prod	301	..	14.3	4.8	3.1
183	108	Edbro	182	+2	10.0	5.5	7.8
253	148	EIS	253	..	8.9	3.5	15.4
37	27½	Elbief	34½	● ..	2.5	7.2	14.6
120	85	Eleco	114	-2	6.0	5.3	12.4
31⅛	12¼	Electrolux (AE) 'B'	£23½	..	..	..	..
87	51	Elliott (B)	66	+3	2.9	5.2	16.5
28¼	18½	Emhart	£28⅛	+½	139	6.3	..
328	216	English China Clay	325	●+3	15.7	4.8	12.9
30	16¾	Ericsson (LM) 'B'	£24½	+⅛	9.0	0.4	..
163	78	Erskine House	158	..	4.0	2.5	21.6
171½	115	European Ferries	169	-½	6.1	3.6	11.5
163	101	Do 5% Prf	118	-1	7.1	6.1	..
270	139	Evered	208	-4	4.6	2.2	18.2
140	104	Evode	124	●+4	4.6	3.7	13.4
154	90	Expamet Int	150	+2	7.6	5.1	19.8
415	272	Extel	411	..	9.6	2.3	24.1
42	22	Falcon	24	+1	1.4	5.8	6.2
37	25	Feedex Agric Ind	29	..	1.4	4.8	51.8
150	105	Fenner (JH)	120	..	7.1	6.9	18.9
185	60	Fife Indmar	65	..	5.0r	7.7	8.7
523	280	Fisons	521	+6	6.9	1.3	27.8
47	32	Fitzwilton	38	+1	1.0	2.6	..
112	66	Flexello C&W	104	..	5.4	5.2	7.8
49	20	Fobel	48½	-½	0.6	1.2	5.8
122	65	Fogarty	122	..	5.7	4.7	46.9
30½	20½	Folkes Group N/V	28	..	1.9	6.6	8.2
172	135	Fothergill & Harvey	159	-4	11.8	7.4	14.3
88	43	French (Thomas)	68	●+2	4.1	6.2	..
112	84	GEI Int	102	+1	8.4	8.2	15.1
344	188	GKN	336	-5	15.7	4.7	13.3
280	200	GR	280	..	10.0	3.6	7.7
84	55	Garton Eng	84	..	4.3	5.1	9.1
138	99	Gestetner	132	● ..	2.1	1.6	11.9
146	84	Gleves	146	..	4.3r	2.9	20.1
10¾	533½	Glaxo	860	-5	14.3	1.5	26.3
328	164	Glynwed	310	-3	13.9	4.5	17.8
86	30	Gomme	86	+2	2.9	3.4	7.0
640	433	Goring Kerr	460	●+5	15.0	3.3	17.6
201	85	Grampian Hldgs	198	-2	7.9	4.2	24.6
312	148	Granada	270	●+2	10.1	3.7	21.3
16⅞	7½	Grovebell	9⅞	..	0.7	7.2	5.3
74	39	Habit Precision	71	●-2	2.5	3.6	14.9
162	114	Hall Eng	156	-2	11.2	7.2	10.1
186	138	Hall (M)	155	-1	6.6n	4.4	11.9
230	143	Hallite	190	● ..	12.9	6.8	13.5
245	156	Halma	243	-2	2.2	0.9	36.8
34	19¾	Hampson Ind	30¾	● ..	1.7r	5.5	11.2
62	35	Hanimex	42	+1	..	..	..
191	133½	Hanson	182	..	5.7	3.5	14.4
190¾	135	Do 8% Cnv	£181½	●-1	800	5.0	..
111	96½	Do 5¾%	111	..	8.2	7.4	..
156	92	Hargreaves	149	-1	7.0	4.7	17.0
195	127	Harris (Philip)	195	..	12.1	6.2	18.7
541	359	Hawker Siddeley	517	-8	17.4	3.4	11.3
114	68	Hawley	112	+2	2.7	2.4	9.8
121	73	Hay (Norman)	105	..	5.4	5.1	14.5
172	120	Hepworth Ceramic	167	+3	9.9	5.9	11.9
128	55	Hestair	121	-2	5.1	4.2	51.1
92	54	Hewitt (J)	83	..	3.4	4.1	11.0
140	58	Highgate & Job	135	-5	.. n	..	28.2
83	62	Hollis Bros	78	..	.. n	..	39.2
94	87	Holt Lloyd	90	●+3	5.4	6.0	13.1
182	100	Hopkinsons	176	-4	8.8	5.0	11.5
15	7	Howard Machinery			f		
104	67	Howden	98	+½	4.8	4.9	9.8
14⅛	8⅛	Hudson Bay	£12	+⅛	59.0	4.9	..
268	165	Hunting Assoc	255	..	10.7	4.2	8.3
106	80	Hunting Group	93	..	8.6	9.2	20.3
269½	201	Hutchison Whampoa	225	+3	..	..	..
155	88	IMI	144	-3	6.7	4.7	13.0
315	190	Isotron	270	..	1.8	0.7	50.1
310	205	Jacksons Bourne	283	..	8.6	2.9	16.4
133½	93	Jardine Math	111	+2	..	..	..
503	423	Johnson Cleaners	503	+1	28.0	5.6	14.7
178	63	Johnson Matthey	176	..	0.7	0.4	22.5
34½	11½	Johnson & FB	30	..	..	..	15.0
275	180	Johnston	275	..	10.4	3.8	17.5
95	41	Jones & Shipman	86	..	4.1	4.7	11.4
171	114	Jourdan (Thomas)	166	..	9.5	5.7	12.7
36	22	Kalamazoo	25	..	2.9	11.6	8.4
32½	22½	Kalon	32½	+½	1.7	5.2	23.2
240	165	Kelsey Ind	235	●-5	11.4	4.9	11.4
128	78	Kennedy Smale	128	..	2.0r	1.6	22.5
365	230	Kershaw (A)	280	● ..	21.4	7.6	23.4
208	155	Kitchen (Flot Taylor)	208	..	15.7	7.5	9.2
148	80	Kleen-E-Ze	148	..	7.1	4.8	31.8

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32	13	LDH	32	..	0.5	1.6	19.3
303	165	Lep	303	..	6.8	2.2	27.3
280	140	Laird	280	..	8.0	2.9	12.6
174	88	Lamont	157	..	5.1	3.2	13.8
82	25½	Lawtex	82	..	2.1	2.4	8.5
58	24½	Lee (Arthur)	54	-½	3.0	5.6	7.7
44	25	Leisure	25	..	..	..	22.0
83	62	Lilleshall	71	+1	2.9	4.1	11.5
86	27	Linread	82	-1	2.9r	3.5	..
62	32	Lloyd (FH)	57½	-1	3.6	6.3	16.7
31	20½	Locker (T)	25½	+½	1.9	7.5	6.4
232	175	Lon Midland	190	..	14.2	7.5	12.6
138	83	Do Dfd	100	..	..	..	..
85	58	Lon & Nthn	69½	..	7.4	10.6	6.2
199	99	Lon Intl	182	●-2	5.9	3.2	19.2
168	88	Longton Ind	166	● ..	4.3	2.6	21.7
390	157	Low & Bonar	370	-1	12.9r	3.5	12.3
371	221	ML Hldgs	371	●+3	11.1r	3.0	20.9
84	35	MS Int	79	●-1	0.7	0.9	11.3
41½	22½	MY Dart	37½	..	1.2	3.2	43.6
360	144	Macarthys Pharm	355	● ..	13.6n	3.8	17.4
151	87½	Macfarlane	151	+11	3.2	2.1	25.0
47	34	Macellan (P&W)	45	..	2.6	5.8	10.0
239	112	McKechnie	169	-7	12.9r	6.8	13.3
88	45	Magnolia	86	..	3.9	4.5	12.3
630	206	Manchester Ship	620	● ..	8.6	1.4	21.0
68	51	Manganese Bronze	52	-4	4.3	8.3	6.1
122	70½	Marley	108	-1½	5.4	5.0	17.1
187	51½	Marling	79	-1	2.3	2.9	9.8
93	45	Marshall (Loxley)	93	..	4.3	4.6	14.5
87	37	Do 'A'	87	..	4.3	4.9	13.6
77	53	Marshalls Univ	69	..	2.9	4.2	17.1
413	285	Martonair	413	+6	15.7	3.8	14.7
700	376	Metal Box	685	..	24.6	3.7	10.0
172	106	Metal Closures	138	-1	9.6	7.0	8.7
75	50	Metalrax	74	+1	3.4r	4.6	13.2
85	55	Michell Cotts	78½	-1	6.1	8.0	7.7
85	56	Michell Somers	80	..	5.0	6.3	14.9
188	126	Molins	174	..	11.3	6.5	10.9
275	187	Morgan Crucible	271	-4	12.1	4.5	15.8
130	89	Moss (Robert)	103	-1	4.4	4.3	11.5
25¼	9	Neepsend	24	-1	0.1n	0.4	12.4
202	119	Neill (J)	186	..	10.0	5.4	7.9
144	74	Newman Tonks	131	●+3	7.9	6.0	11.9
65	26	Nolton	58	..	1.4	2.4	65.2
224	147	Norcros	220	..	12.6	5.7	11.1
253	148	Office Elect Mach	210	..	11.4	5.4	11.7
258	165	Parker Knoll 'A'	283	+5	13.6	4.8	10.3
238	123	Park Place	233	..	8.8	3.8	19.7
758	285	Parrish JT	758	+10	..	..	..
483	288	Pearson	475	-3	13.9	2.9	16.4
31	11	Peek	19	..	..	..	45.2
97	73	Peerless	95	● ..	9.0n	9.5	12.8
408	258	Pegler-Hattersley	384	-10	21.4	5.6	11.4
400	99	Pentland Ind	385	..	1.5	0.4	36.0
14	4½	Photo-Me	£12½	●-½	7.5	0.6	32.4
445	248	Pilkington	428	-10	17.9	4.2	9.7
72	48	Plastic Constr	67	● ..	4.0	6.0	11.7
715	490	Portals	710	..	27.9	3.9	14.5
300	103	Porter Chadburn	226	●+11	1.5n	0.7	..
314	238	Powell Duffryn	282	+2	21.7	7.7	15.1
148	39	Prestwich Hldgs			0.8f		
99	56½	Pritchard Serv	66½	-½	5.4	7.9	7.9
109	79½	RFD	109	● ..	5.5	5.0	13.4
172	77	RHP	169	..	6.1	3.6	12.5
133	72	Radiant Metal	128	..	3.6	2.8	..
584	288	Rank Org	512	●-5	21.4	4.2	18.1
165	65	Ransome Sims	160	..	6.1	3.8	12.9
145	100	Ratcliffs (Gt Bridge)	116	+1	3.6	3.1	4.2
722	475	Reckitt & Colman	719	..	21.1	2.9	18.8
150	66	Redfearn Glass	135	-5	2.9	2.1	8.1
220	120	Reed Executive	220	..	5.0	2.3	18.2
614	528	Reed Int	614	+3	27.5	3.4	14.5
160	83	Relyon	143	..	6.4	4.5	11.0
73	45	Renold	71	-2	1.0	1.4	10.3
120	86	Restmor	100	●+2	5.7	5.7	15.4
450	270	Reuters	408	..	4.6	1.1	33.2
23	18	Rexmore	27	..	1.4r	5.2	10.6
154	67	Ricardo Eng	154	●+2	4.1	2.7	16.7
68	35	Richard (Leics)	68	..	1.4	2.1	5.6
28	18	Richardson West	27	-1	.. n	..	12.3
159	105	Robertson Res	128	+1	3.1	2.5	12.6
225	37	Robinson (Thomas)	225	..	..	..	23.1
58	30	Rockware	50	+1	..	..	4.6
192	126	Ropner	139	..	9.3	6.7	8.2
150	126	Do 'A'	135	..	9.3	6.9	7.9
9	3	Rotaprint	4½	..	..	..	2.2
138	105	Rotork	138	..	8.9	5.0	11.5
130	83	Russell (A)	128	-2	2.0	1.6	69.2

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47	16	SI	36	+2	2.3n	6.4	7.6
285	131	Sale Tilney	250	+3	7.6	3.0	15.9
88	55	Sandhurst	78	..	1.7	2.2	22.5
59	43	Savile Gordon (J)	55	● ..	3.5	6.4	12.9
502	368	Scapa	438	..	18.1	3.7	10.0
117	86	Scott Greenham	117	..	4.3	3.7	16.3
138	60	Scott Heritable	135	..	4.0	2.9	13.8
115	89	Scott & Robertson	104	..	3.6	3.5	13.9
154	109½	Securicor	152	●+6	1.7	1.1	24.3
154	110	Do 'A'	142	●+5	1.6	1.1	22.7
165	116½	Security Serv	149	● ..	3.4	2.3	25.3
38	19	Senior Eng	35	-1	2.3	6.6	14.4
100	38	Shiloh	98	..	3.2	3.3	5.6
182	123	Sidlaw	141	● ..	12.9	9.1	8.7
756	419	Siebe	755	● ..	17.5	2.3	19.0
45½	28	Silentnight	42½	-2½	3.9n	9.2	13.8
260	180	Simon Eng	204	-2	11.4	5.6	7.6
111	83½	Six Hundred	108	-1	7.9	7.3	9.8
427	320	Sketchley	425	..	22.4	5.3	17.6
31⅛	16	SKF 'B'	£29½	+⅛	..	..	..
232	164	Smith & Nephew	228	+1	5.8	2.6	22.7
44	28	Smith Whitworth	33	..	0.4	1.2	22.3
278	161	Smiths Ind	278	..	6.4	2.3	21.8
225	93	Spear (JW)	210	-3	5.7	2.7	19.0
280	130	Spear & Jackson	280	..	8.8	3.1	12.2
172	35	Spencer Clark	172	● ..	4.3	2.5	9.3
184	122	Spirax-Sarco	160	-2	6.7	4.2	12.9
129	58	Staffs Potteries	122	+3	4.3	..	..
103	50	Stag Furniture	95	..	3.9	4.1	..
119	78	Standard Fireworks	107	..	5.5	5.1	8.3
63	28	Star Comp	63	..	..	..	28.3
415	282	Staveley	415	..	23.6	5.7	11.5
411	285	Steetley	411	+1	17.9	4.4	13.2
110	58	Sterling Ind	110	● ..	3.3	3.0	36.1
208	130	Stocklake	208	..	17.1	8.3	4.4
120	75	Stonehill	82	● ..	8.6	10.5	8.8
210	113	Stothert & Pitt	168	-5	..	..	4.7
243	178	Sunlight Serv	191	..	12.9	6.8	9.2
57	24	Sutcliffe Speakman	38	..	..	..	36.2
240	112	Suter	240	+13	6.0	2.5	22.7
313	207½	Swire Pacific 'A'	292	+1	..	..	..
38	6	Sycamore	34	..	..	..	..
240	160	Syltone	200	..	14.3	7.2	8.0
441	206	TI	433	-2	14.3	3.3	20.3
157	91	TNT	157	+7	.. r	..	..
320	84	TSL Thermal	246	●+3	4.3	1.7	12.8
531½	331	Tace	475	● ..	9.5	2.0	22.9
41½	21	Takeda Chem	£40½	..	..	..	..
9	5¼	Talbex	6½	+¼	0.3r	4.5	8.2
91	44	Telfos	91	..	3.9r	4.3	17.5
163	60	Tex Hldgs	158	-3	6.1r	3.9	16.7
98	65	Third Mile	98	-2	2.9	3.0	14.8
163	35	Thomson T-Line	161	..	..	..	..
178	104	Tohook	172	-2	5.3	3.1	23.6
248	137	Tomkins (FH)	221	● ..	3.5	1.6	27.6
400	308	Trafalgar House	328	-5	16.4	5.0	8.6
231	198	Transcontinental	218	● ..	9.6	4.4	15.9
162	105½	Transport Dev	158	-3	8.1	5.1	14.2
19½	7¾	Tranwood	16½	+½	.. n	..	20.6
80	38	Triefus	80	..	0.1n	0.1	..
93	29½	Triplex	93	..	2.9r	3.1	14.2
156	81	Turner & Newall	153	+1	4.1	2.7	7.0
203	94	UKO	203	+1	7.1	3.5	9.4
124	20	Unigroup	114	..	1.6	1.4	25.4
14½	998	Unilever	£14½	..	50.9	3.5	13.6
63⅝	44¾	Unilever (NV)	£58¾	+2⅛	..	..	..
235	164	Valor	214	-5	6.7	3.1	10.7
413	210	Vickers	408	-5	18.6	4.6	11.2
140	78	Victor Products	122	-2	6.8n	5.6	16.4
208	101	Vinten	193	● ..	4.5r	2.3	33.5
185½	52¾	Volkswagen	£165	+6½	..	..	..
86	30	WEL			f		
174	110	Wade Potteries	158	..	4.3	2.9	15.2
216	98	Wadkin	203	-10	2.1	1.0	..
181	125	Wagon Ind	181	●+2	11.1	6.1	13.8
125	34½	Waterford Glass	122	+1	1.9	1.8	..
185	145	Watshams	175	● ..	5.1	2.9	25.0
268	81	Watson (R Kelvin)	268	..	2.3	0.9	30.0
274	180½	Wedgwood	271	..	10.7	3.9	12.8
67	40	Weir	65½	-½	4.1n	4.8	7.1
23	8	Wellman	21	..	..	..	..
118	45	Westland	73	..	4.3	5.9	25.3
118	88	Wests	117½	..	7.9	6.7	16.2
285	185	Whatman Reeve	245	..	3.1	1.3	22.1
112	84	Whessoe	102	..	7.9	7.7	8.9
221	136	Whitecroft	221	..	11.3	5.1	11.8
224	128	Wilkes (James)	188	..	9.4	5.0	13.0
530	158	Williams Hldgs	518	+12	10.0	1.9	28.4
188	126	Wills Gp	158	..	11.4	7.2	45.3
525	137	Wolseley-Hughes	508	-5	12.6	2.5	15.0
91	48	Wood (Arthur)	70	..	5.0	7.1	5.4
40	16	Wood (SW)	28	..	1.4	5.0	8.9
80	15	Woodhouse & Rix	78	-3	3.6	4.7	9.7
89	66	Wyndham Eng	87	..	2.1	2.4	17.3
603	370	Yarrow	558	..	20.0r	3.8	12.1
170	69	Young (H)	170	+2	3.9	2.3	17.1

INSURANCE

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
251	185	Abbey Life	208	+1	9.4	4.5	..
28¾	18¾	Alex & Alex	£23⅛	●-⅛	100	4.3	..
28¾	19½	Am Gen	£27⅛	●+⅛	89.0	3.2	..
260	190	Bradstock	258	●-2	7.9	3.1	18.1
847	593	Britannic	847	+8	37.9	4.5	..
286	174	Com Union	275	..	16.9	6.1	..
293	208	Equity & Law	270	+2	8.0	3.0	..
350	104	FAI	290	+2	..	..	..
830	503	Gen Accident	821	-2	28.6	3.5	20.6
815	618	GRE	783	-5	37.9	4.8	22.7
723	548	Heath C E	690	+2	31.4	4.8	10.1
321	217	Hogg Robinson	312	● ..	13.4	4.3	14.8
777	545	Legal & Gen	762	..	32.1	4.2	..
34	19	Lib Life SA R1	£25	-1	..	..	..
872	642	London & Man	834	..	31.8	3.8	33.0
338	242	Ldn Utd Inv	338	+3	18.6	5.5	12.9
70	46¾	Marsh & McLen	£67⅞	+1⅛	220	3.3	..
308	181	Minet	257	+1	9.9	3.9	16.9
585	218	PWS	273	+5	12.9	4.7	34.1
14	977	Pearl	£13⅛	..	56.4	4.2	..
844	493	Prudential	844	+12	34.3	4.1	55.7
435	276	Refuge	418	+3	16.8	4.0	..
883	515	Royal	863	-5	36.8	4.3	70.7
413	332	Sedgwick Gp	391	..	14.5	3.7	17.6
794	265	Stewart W'son	387	..	14.4	3.7	21.0
450	320	Sturge Hldgs	430	●+10	8.6	2.0	29.3
653	391	Sun Alliance	643	-5	22.1	3.4	57.3
904	709	Sun Life	882	..	30.5	3.5	..
368	220	Trade Indemnity	368	+8	12.8	3.5	13.4
468	289	Willis Faber	419	..	10.4	2.5	28.7

LEISURE

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
148	86	Barr & WA 'A'	122	+1	10.0	8.2	9.0
188	133	Boosey & Hawkes	143	..	.. n	..	21.4
130	98	Brent Walker	108	+2	7.9	7.3	9.2
58	22	Campari	56	-1	1.4	2.5	15.0
235	170	Chrysalis	213	..	8.0	3.8	13.8
433	231	First Leisure	421	..	10.7	2.5	16.1
69½	51½	GRA	57	..	..	..	69.5
81	35	Hamburger Brooks	76	..	..	..	49.7
146	78	Horizon Travel	122	..	6.3	5.2	23.7
140	93	Int Leisure	129	-1	6.9	5.3	9.6
231	68	Juliana's Hldgs	85	..	3.0	3.5	13.3
205	124	Medminster	155	..	7.9	5.1	10.3
340	184	Pleasurama	328	-3	8.9	2.7	19.8
368	365	Really Useful	365	-3	..	..	..
64	32	Riley Leisure	57	-1	.. n	..	5.0
228	147	Saga Holidays	228	..	6.6	2.9	19.3
305	213½	Samuelson Gp	305	●+10	3.4	1.1	..
80	51	Tottenham Hotspur	55	..	5.7n	10.4	10.0
153	82	Zetters	150	● ..	6.1	4.1	12.8

MINING

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
22	8⅝	Ang Amer Coal	£17⅛	+⅛	..	..	..
11¾	570	Ang Am	£10⅝	+¼	64.0	5.0	..
79	26½	Am Gold	£57	+1½	446	7.8	..
51	26½	AAIT	£51	+3	271	5.3	..
39½	21	Angloval	£39	..	142	3.6	..
41	21	Do 'A'	£41	..	142	3.5	..
295	158	Ayer Hitam	178	..	47.5	26.7	..
787	255	Blyvoors	403	+8	79.0	19.6	..
187	71	Bracken	160	+3	26.0	16.3	..
37	12¾	Buffels	£16⅛	+⅛	282	14.1	..
392	238	CRA	284	+8	..	..	..
100	52	Carr Boyd	76	+1	..	..	..
584	397	Cons Goldfields	464	-5	35.0	7.5	11.4
506	257	De Beers	506	+7	18.0	3.6	..
208	95	Deelkraal	180	-5	4.0	2.2	..
16⅛	5⅞	Doornfontein	£9⅞	+¼	92.0	10.9	..
23⅝	8¼	Driefontein	£13⅝	+⅛	126	9.2	..
12½	3¾	Durban	£6½	..	.. n	..	..
318	148	E Daggas	250	..	..	..	..
780	275	Elandsrand	513	-6	12.0	2.3	..
150	128	El Oro	155	..	6.0	3.9	13.0
248	80	Elsburg	182	+2	14.0	7.7	..
488	233	E Rand Gold	390	+10	28.0	7.2	..
730	2¼	E Rand Prp	£4	+⅛	..	..	..
9	7¼	FS Cons	£8	+⅛	..	..	..
213	64	FS Dev	180	+7	..	..	..
248	43	Geevor Tin	70	-3	17.1a	24.4	2.7
11	4½	Genbel	£8	+¼	60.0	7.5	..
12½	4¾	Gen Mining	£9⅜	..	87.0	9.0	..
14¼	5⅛	GFSA	£10	+⅛	46.0	4.6	..
608	348	GM Kalgoorli	386	+5	..	..	..
175	58	Gopeng	58	..	20.0	34.5	..
355	230	Grootvlei	355	+5	54.0	15.2	..
216	113½	Hampton Areas	123	●-2	5.4	4.4	37.4
13⅝	4¾	Harmony	£9¼	+⅛	62.8	6.6	..
525	190	Harties	318	+18	17.0	5.3	..
87	40	Johnnies	£81	+1¼	345	4.3	..
18⅝	6¼	Kinross	£11¼	+⅛	89.0	7.9	..
8⅝	3¾	Kloof	£5⅞	s+⅛	40.0	7.1	..
276	87	Leslie	150	..	29.0	19.3	..
20⅝	7½	Libanon	£12½	-⅛	115	9.2	..
423	193	Lorraine	375	+10	..	..	..
188	110	MIM	126	+1	..	..	..
55	21	Malaysian Mining	24	..	..	..	..
175	70	Marievale	113	..	17.0	15.0	..
38	14½	Metals Exploration	17	+½	..	..	..
17	7	Mhangura	13	-1	.. n	..	..
10¼	4½	Middle Wits	£9	+¼	..	..	..
792	450	Minorco	620	+10	10.0	1.6	..
5⅝	2½	New Wits	£5	..	23.0	4.6	..
165	99	Nth Broken Hill	111	..	..	..	..
84½	28½	Nth Kalgurli	44	+1½	..	..	..
375	195	Northgate	212	+2	..	..	..
22½	20	Orange Free	£20½	..	..	..	..
280	108	Petaling Tin	113	..	..	..	..
318	205	Peko Wallsend	251	+4	..	..	..
33¼	14	Rand Mines Ltd	£22½	+½	..	..	..
800	275	Rand Mines Prop	445	+5	12.0	2.7	12.2
55	16	Randfontein	£56⅝	+2¼	551	8.8	..
306	231	Renison	258	+5	..	..	..
687	507	RTZ	614	-3	29.3	4.8	8.8
8⅛	4⅛	Rustenburg	£7¼	..	26.0	3.4	56.4
28⅛	8⅛	St Helena	£10⅜	+⅛	125	12.1	..
279	76	SA Land	148	-2	18.0	12.2	..
73⅛	15⅛	Southvaal	£29⅝	+⅛	118	4.0	..
8⅛	319	Stilfontein	549	+9	..	..	..
280	123	Sungei Besi	123	..	.. n	..	..
275	100	Tanjong	100	..	..	..	6.8
14⅛	8	Tara	£9⅞	+⅛	..	..	..
310	108	Tronoh	123	..	..	..	..
865	335	Unisel	555	+10	46.0	8.3	..
87	32⅛	Vaal Reefs	£58⅝	+2⅛	558	9.5	..
844	315	Venterspost	505	+5	54.0	10.7	..
170	65	Vlakfontein	103	+3	15.0	14.6	..
116	50	Vogels	85	● ..	4.3	5.1	11.1
15	10½	Wankie Colliery	10½	..	.. g	..	..
737	340	Welkom	523	+8	67.0	12.8	..
420	143	Western Areas	273	+3	23.0	8.4	..
39	16⅛	Western Deep	£29	+½	171	5.9	..
248	142	Western Mining	170	+5	3.0	1.8	..
470	140	West Rand Cons	245	+15	12.0	4.9	..
182	104	Wham Creek	106	..	..	..	..
31	8⅛	Winkelhaak	£15⅝	+⅛	175	11.2	..
107	30	Wit Nigel	47	+1	1.1	2.3	..
19	10	Zambia Copper	15½	..	..	..	..
86	32	Zandpan	54	-2	3.7	6.9	..

MOTORS AND AIRCRAFT

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
188	111	AE	177	●-9	7.1	4.0	12.3
108	39	Appleyard	108	+2	4.3	4.0	9.5
111	32	Armstrong	109	-2	1.6	1.5	14.4
205	55	Auto Products	189	-1	2.1n	1.1	19.4
35½	22	BSG	35	-½	1.5	4.3	15.2
		Blumel Bros			f		
260	126	Bramall (CD)	260	..	9.9	3.8	13.6
543	293	Br Aerospace	536	-7	20.3	3.8	10.0
128	79	Br Car Auctions	120	+1	4.6	3.8	13.2
71	26	BL	60	+2	..	..	..
180	120	Caffyns	176	..	6.4	3.6	..
193	41	Cowie (T)	138	-7	5.0	3.6	8.1
133	86½	Davis (Godfrey)	125	..	5.7	4.6	15.0
227	164	Dowty	189	●-1	7.3	3.9	14.5
46	32	ERF	40	..	..	..	9.0
361	242	FR Group	361	..	4.8	1.3	26.2
250	148	Ford Motor	250	●+4	7.0	2.8	..
92	56	Gates (Frank G)	76	..	4.3	5.7	9.2
378	228	General Motor	272	● ..	25.0	9.2	..
63	43	Glenfield Lawrence	58	-2	..	..	12.2
129	69	Group Lotus	128	..	..	..	49.0
91	49	Hartwells	86	..	3.8	4.3	11.8
549	354	Honda Motor	398	+6	3.8	1.0	..
501	237	Jaguar	468	-5	11.1	2.4	14.8
87	62	Jessups	87	+3	5.7	6.6	6.6
160	97	Kenning Motor	158	● ..	9.3	5.9	41.3
84	28	Kwik-Fit	80	-3	2.8	3.5	23.5
327	159	Lex	327	+8	15.1	4.6	9.4
105	83	Lookers	104	..	7.0	6.7	8.8
628	233	Lucas	618	-6	15.7	2.5	12.4
125	85	Perry gp	125	..	6.3	5.0	14.0
84	66	Reedons (GB)	82	..	6.4	7.8	11.2
71	39	Quick (HJ)	69	..	3.7	5.4	..
50	29	Supra	49	-1	2.8	5.7	13.9
45	21	Woodhead (Jonas)	40	..	0.1	0.3	10.2

NEWSPAPERS AND PUBLISHERS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
283	186	Assoc Book	198	..	7.5	3.8	11.4
283	122	Assoc Newspaper	280	● ..	6.1	2.2	15.1
350	258	Black (A&C)	300	..	13.9	4.6	16.7
600	398	Bristol	575	..	32.9	5.7	22.3
495	333	Collins (Wm)	470	..	9.8	2.1	24.1
338	283	Do 'A'	320	..	9.8	3.1	18.4
189	95	Emap 'A'	160	..	4.7	2.9	22.7
380	280	Haynes Publishing	340	-5	20.0	5.9	17.8
171	83	Home Counties	145	+2	5.7	4.5	6.2
343	130	Independent	343	+13	12.0	3.5	..
622	404	Intl Thomson	417	+3	14.0	3.4	12.4
10	505	News International	875	-50	15.1	1.7	..
585	423	Octopus	565	..	9.2	1.6	31.8
147	118	Portsmouth Sund	128	..	5.7	4.5	12.8
277	220	Trinity Intl	256	..	17.4	6.8	8.4
330	260	Utd Newspapers	298	-5	22.9	7.7	11.4

OIL

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
129	91	Ampol	109	-1	..	..	..
52	19	Aran Energy	20	..	..	..	..
78	18	Atlantic Resources	20	..	..	..	..
610	470	Br Petroleum	523	●-5	48.6	9.3	8.0
32	7	Bristol Oil	9	..	..	..	..
358	205	Br Borneo	330	..	26.4	8.0	12.2
243	168	Britoil	183	..	18.6	10.2	5.0
335	200	Burmah	318	+1	15.4	4.8	12.0
178	70	Carless Capel	75	-1	3.9	5.2	8.3
97	65	Century	97	..	5.7	5.9	47.8
57	21	Charterhall	23	..	0.9	3.9	3.3
209	127	Enterprise	135	..	12.1	9.0	4.6
71	25	Gerber Energy	28	-3	..	..	..
355	280	Global N Res	220	+20	..	..	..
93	34	Goal Pet	48	+1	1.4	3.0	5.5
318	45	Gt Western Res	80	●+5	4.1	6.8	..
361	271	IC Gas	323	..	22.1	6.8	9.6
23½	4½	ICC Oil					
54	48	Inoco	51	+2	..	..	..
43	19	KCA Drilling	23	..	4.3	18.7	..
379	138	LASMO	148	-3	17.4	11.8	9.1
520	230	Do Unts	280	..	144	55.5	..
175	33	New London Oil	38	..	..	..	..
210	111	Petrocon	136	-4	7.9	5.8	7.3
50	26½	Premier	30	+1	..	..	14.2
480	180	Ranger	200	+7	..	..	..
50¾	40⅝	Royal Dutch	£45⅝	+⅛	225	4.9	..
791	520	Shell	708	..	48.0	6.8	5.8
175	133	Silkolene	145	+5	12.9	8.9	9.2
207	60	Sovereign	67	..	..	..	2.4
33	18½	TR Energy	18½	-½	..	..	18.1
253	118	Tricentrol	123	-2	14.3	11.6	3.6
405	160	Triton Europe	170	+5	..	..	23.2
248	150	Ultramar	210	-1	15.0	7.1	4.5

OVERSEAS TRADERS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
236	131	Anglo Indonesian	188	..	10.7	5.7	3.5
41	24	Borthwick	38	+1	0.7	1.8	10.8
162	83	Finlay (James)	103	-1	5.9	5.7	4.8
478	325	Harrison Crosfield	361	-5	28.6	8.1	10.6
458	280	Inchcape	353	..	25.9	7.3	16.0
33	25	Jacks (Wm)	33	+½	1.4	4.2	10.2
289	147	Lonrho	252	●-3	17.1	6.8	11.5
57	44	Ocean Wilson	54	-1	4.2	7.8	6.9
240	128	Paterson Zoch	220	-10	8.4	3.8	7.2
240	128	Do 'A'	220	-10	8.4	3.8	7.2
289	131	Polly Peck	148	●-5	7.5	5.1	3.8
86	40	Sime Darby	42	..	..	..	..
595	465	Steel Bros	575	..	22.9	4.0	9.5
132	25	Tozer Kemsley	104	-3	..	..	24.1
251	153	Yule Catto	163	..	8.9	5.5	7.1

PAPER, PRINTING, ADVERT'G

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
110	43	Addcom Int	58	..	1.2	2.1	21.2
244	173	Assoc Paper	244	+2	8.6	3.5	14.6
50	33	Ault & Wiborg	38	..	.. n	..	8.7
178	128	Bemrose	145	+2	1.8	1.2	6.9
412½	224	Bosse Massimi	289	-5	5.4	1.9	26.7
229	159	BPCC	215	..	17.1r	8.0	8.1
178	130	Brunning	178	-3	7.0	3.9	44.6
178	103	Do R/V	178	+6	7.0	3.9	44.6
568	408	Bunzl	565	-3	14.3	2.5	18.4
830	461	Carlton Comm	750	● ..	8.5	1.1	24.6
281	173	Chapman	175	+2	12.0	6.9	8.1
208	113	Cropper (James)	195	..	3.6	1.8	39.8
261	148	DRG	259	-2	11.8	4.8	12.2
168	145	Davidson Pearce	165	+2	3.6	2.2	17.8
580	365	Eucalyptus Pulp	370	+5	10.0	2.7	2.7
228	128	Ferguson Ind	220	-4	10.6	4.8	15.3
495	350	Fitch Design	430	..	8.0	1.9	32.3
175	58	Geers Gross	75	..	4.3	5.7	7.5
263	110	Good Relations	128	..	7.0	5.5	20.0
272	183	Hunterprint	190	●-8	6.7	3.5	7.9
363	218	Lowe H-S C-E	356	..	8.6	2.4	23.5
210	133	McCorquodale	210	+7	8.1	3.9	20.9
105	65	Mora O'Farrell	103	..	4.9	4.8	18.2
155	100	Norton Opax	145	+2	4.3	3.0	18.0
39⅛	27⅛	Ogilvy & Mather	£34¼	+1¼	..	..	..
45	27	Olives Paper	31	..	..	..	29.2
690	458	St Ives Gp	655	-5	12.9	2.0	25.9
905	615	Saatchi & Saatchi	905	●+15	20.0	2.2	20.1
141½	103	Do 6.3% Cnv Prf	141½	+½	9.0	6.4	..
152	72½	Smurfit (Jeff)	152	+1	4.7	3.1	..
215	195	Usher Walker	205	..	9.7	4.7	11.1
52	28	Wace	47	..	..	..	10.6
645	455	Waddington (J)	645	+5	36.7	5.5	12.7
291	223	Watmough	288	..	8.9r	3.1	13.7
368	265	Wight Collins	358	..	4.6	1.3	31.3

PROPERTY

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
35½	11	Abaco	33	●-2	0.2	0.6	61.6
80	68	Allied Lon	75	..	2.0	2.7	17.8
123	70	Apex	75	● ..	2.9	3.9	15.7
176	70	Bairstow Eves	170	+2	2.7n	1.6	27.7
544	361	Beazer (CH)	542	..	17.1	3.2	13.1
150	80	Belgrave	120	..	6.0	5.0	8.3
244	212	Bellton (P)	244	..	15.1	6.2	15.6
470	360	Bradford	450	-5	13.9	3.1	18.9
174	131	Br Land	168	+1	3.9	2.3	17.1
156	122	Brixton	154	..	7.6	4.9	23.7
45	28	Caird (A) &Sons	45	+1	..	..	..
228	195	Cap & Counties	225	..	8.6	3.8	19.4
225	145	Cardiff Prop	205	● ..	2.8	1.3	..
240	173	Centrovincial	175	..	8.6	4.9	15.5
480	400	Chesterfield	470	..	15.7	3.3	25.6
863	503½	CALA	790	..	25.7r	3.3	11.7
186	136	Clarke Nickolls	153	..	9.0t	5.9	35.7
218	155	Conwells	158	..	5.0	2.5	24.7
43	14½	Control Secs	15	+½	4.5	30.0	2.8
119	97	Country & New	119	+1	2.3	1.9	78.3
144	88	County 'B'	144	● ..	5.0	3.5	4.8
235	175	Cussins	190	..	8.6	4.5	21.2
590	303	Daejan	590	..	18.6	3.2	12.4
250	200	Dean Dev	210	-2	..	..	..
20	5¼	Dares	7½	r ..	..	..	2.8
168	145	Estates & Agency	165	..	4.3	2.6	74.0
121	89	Estates Gen	117	..	3.4	2.9	33.8
159	140	Estates Prop	153	..	12.1	7.9	13.4
88	69	Evans Of Leeds	87	..	5.0	5.7	10.8
52	26	Five Oaks	52	-1	..	..	2.8
195	150	Frogmore	188	..	9.9	5.3	11.8
186	140	Gt Portland	178	..	10.0	5.6	26.2
248	184	Greycoat	240	+2	2.8	1.2	47.3
137	78	Hallwood Gp	105	+3	..	..	..
520	430	Hammerson	475	-5	12.1	2.5	33.6
515	415	Do 'A'	465	-5	12.1	2.6	32.9
173	93	Hanover	165	+5	4.6	2.8	28.3
280	198	Hardanger	245	..	14.0	5.7	8.3
840	444	Haslemere	825	-3	14.0	2.2	40.2
325	255	Imry	280	● ..	7.7	2.8	32.7
180	65	Jermyn	155	..	2.3	1.5	88.6
315	232	Laing Prop	305	..	9.6	3.1	16.4
64	35½	Land Investors	60	-3	1.7	2.8	34.1
332	255	Land Securities	319	-1	12.1	3.8	27.6
605	188	Lon & Edin Tst	580	..	9.6	1.6	27.2
205	102½	Do 6½%	195	-1	9.3	4.8	..
328	218	Lon & Prov Shop	260	..	6.6	2.5	22.9
171	119	Lon Shop Prop	164	-1	7.6r	4.6	19.8
325	288	Lynton	288	-5	8.6	3.0	36.2
380	255	MEPC	366	+8	15.0	4.1	23.4
105	58	McInerney	105	..	..	..	..
130	105	McKay Secs	115	● ..	4.9	4.3	19.9
107	35	Markheath	58	● ..	3.1r	5.3	28.2
128	125	Marwale Moore	125	..	3.6	2.9	32.4
70	50	Marlborough	65	..	0.8r	1.2	33.3
215	120	Marler Est	215	+5	4.3a	2.0	21.5
650	239	Mountleigh	640	●-5	10.7a	1.7	19.1
470	288	Mountview	470	● ..	6.4	1.4	9.6
97	76	Mucklow (A&J)	95	+2	7.2	7.6	14.6
24	12	Municipal	£19½	..	15.7	8.8	48.9
82	70¼	New Cavendish	75	..	1.7	2.3	33.0
51	26	Parkdale	45	● ..	2.1r	4.7	22.7
280	230	Peachey	273	-1	12.1	4.4	36.3
202	176	Prop & Rev	186	..	6.2	3.3	31.2
132	107	Prop Hldgs	118	-2	3.8	3.3	28.5
125	98	Prop Security	118	● ..	3.6r	3.1	25.8
10	7	Raglan	9	..	0.1	1.1	..
445	65	Regalian	390	..	5.2	1.3	29.7
480	190	Rosehaugh	475	..	1.1	0.2	..
297	210	Rush & Tompkins	275	..	11.2	4.1	12.1
186	142	Samuel	175	..	8.4	4.8	27.3
92	78	Scot Met	82	..	5.7	7.0	18.8
175	125	Slough Estates	168	+1	7.4	4.4	19.1
325	175	Speyhawk	300	..	13.6	4.5	15.7
164	144	Stand Secs	160	● ..	5.8	3.6	18.1
670	405	Stock Conversion	655	-5	12.1	2.2	25.8
80	54	Stockley	74	..	..	..	..
50	38	Town Centre	45	..	1.4	3.0	27.4
240	186	Trafford Park	205	..	16.4	8.0	13.6
605	480	Utd Real	565	● ..	2.0	0.4	23.1
745	525	Warner	745	● ..	25.7	3.4	33.6
510	410	Warnford	480	● ..	21.4	4.5	46.0
26½	17	Webb (Jos)	24	● ..	0.7	2.9	77.4
183	140	West & Country	160	..	11.4	7.1	9.1

SHIPPING

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
458	181	Assoc Br Ports	454	..	12.5	2.8	..
380	226	Br Commonwealth	358	..	5.3	1.6	27.3
343	208	Caledonia	335	..	6.1	1.8	74.4
121	70	Fisher (James)	73	..	4.7	6.4	6.8
650	520	Graig	578	..	17.9	3.1	27.7
65	52	Jacobs (JI)	60	..	5.0r	8.3	28.2
22	8½	Lyle	9½	-1	.. n	..	0.1
42	17	Mersey Docks	37	..	..	..	1.5
203	126	Ocean Transport	197	..	8.4	4.3	14.6
500	336	P & O Dfd	488	-2	20.0	4.1	14.9
110	75	Runciman (Walter)	105	..	7.1	6.8	31.2
430	285	Turnbull Scott	375	..	12.8	3.4	30.9

SHOES AND LEATHER

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
360	198	FII	360	..	9.3	2.6	14.0
238	153	Garner Booth	174	..	13.1	7.5	3.2
43	31	Headlam Sims	34	..	3.1a	9.1	7.7
223	133	Lambert Howarth	178	-2	7.2	4.0	9.3
98	60	Newbold & Burton	80	..	4.4	5.5	..
94	46½	Pittard	86	..	5.8	6.7	8.2
152	116	Strong & Fisher	138	+8	10.7	7.8	5.5
206	143	Stylo	200	+7	6.4	3.2	24.7

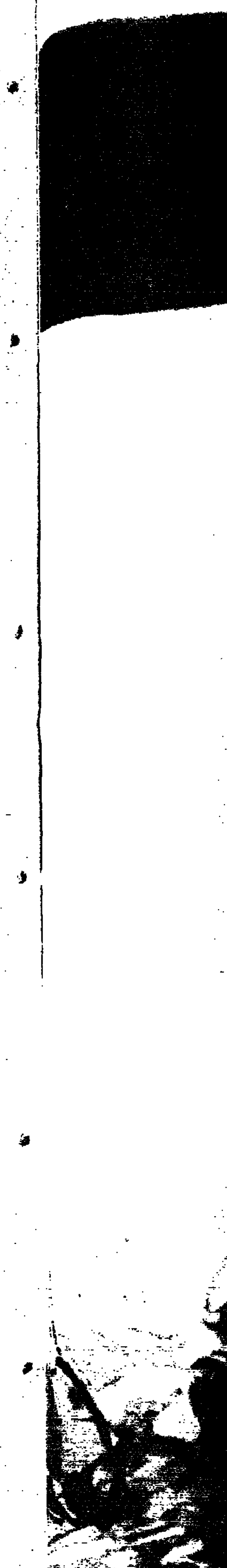
TEXTILES

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
527	280	Allied Text	473	●+5	18.6	3.9	12.0
200	104	Atkins Bros	173	..	8.1	4.7	44.5
112	71	Beale (John)	112	..	5.9n	5.3	4.8
108	84	Beckman (A)	100	+5	8.2	8.2	11.7
153	107½	Br Mohair	126	..	8.6	6.8	6.8
85	60	Bulmer & Lumb	69	-1	7.1	10.3	17.3
254	129	Coats Patons	254	+2	8.2n	3.2	11.9
73½	52½	Corah	58½	-1½	5.7	9.8	8.2
242	121	Courtaulds	238	..	7.6	3.2	10.1
131	37	Crowther (J)	121	-4	2.1r	1.7	32.4
236	151	Dawson	230	-2	8.9	3.9	14.7
75½	30	Debron	49	..	..	..	37.7
303	118	Dixon (D)	295	+2	9.3	3.2	8.9
110	72	Dorr Bulst	128	● ..	4.6	3.6	8.3
38	20	Dura Mill	30	..	5.7	19.0	4.1
84	47	Foster (John)	78	..	5.0	6.4	7.0
106	84	Gaskell Broadloom	93	-5	7.9	8.5	6.4
63	32	Hicking Pentecost	33	..	.. r	..	32.4
160	85	Ingram (Harold)	155	..	3.9	2.5	20.0
75	50	Jerome (S)	68	..	4.5	6.6	9.0
165	101	Leeds	158	..	7.4	4.7	10.1
74	45½	Lister	65	-2	0.4	0.6	20.5
85	67	Lyles (S)	84	..	7.9	9.4	17.5
94	67	Mackay (Hugh)	79	+1	6.6	8.4	15.9
29½	7	Munton	18	..	..	..	..
128	88	Parkland 'A'	119	-1	8.9	5.8	8.7
38½	24½	Reacoat	39	..	2.3	5.9	10.1
174	130	SEET	138	● ..	7.3r	5.4	5.5
45	26	Shaw Carpets	28½	..	3.6n	12.6	18.8
165	108	Sirdar	163	+1	5.8	3.6	13.1
57	33	Smallshaw (R)	52	..	3.6	6.9	6.0
77	37½	Stroud Riley	73	●-1	3.6	4.9	12.8
148	65	Textured Jersey	146	● ..	7.9	5.4	10.5
125	55	Tomkinsons	120	..	4.3	3.6	9.5
92½	55	Toothal	91½	..	5.7r	6.2	8.8
260	130	Yorklyde	255	..	9.3	3.6	11.6

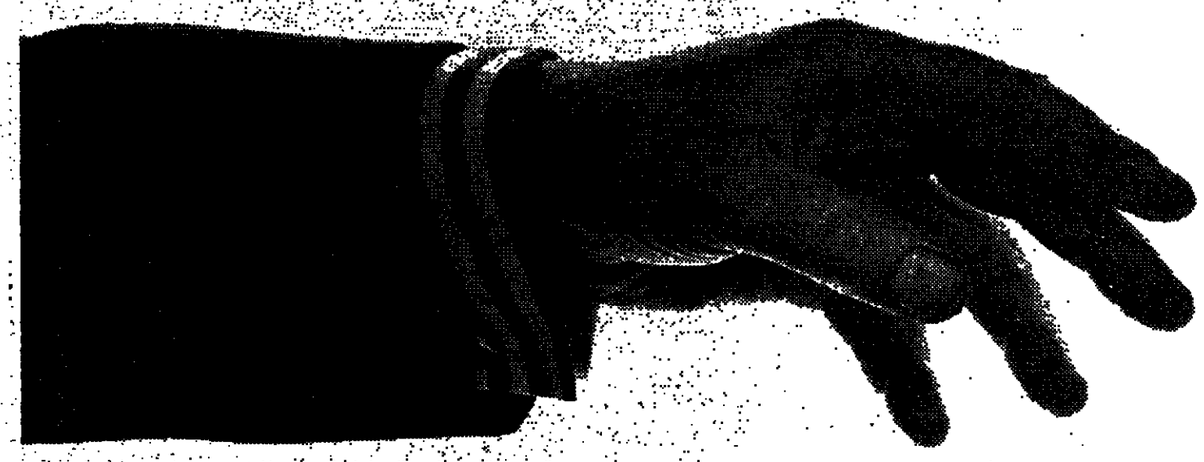
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1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
385	255	BAT	355	-7	15.7	4.4	7.5
323	162	Imperial	322	..	17.1	5.3	11.9
205	111	Rothmans 'B'	152	-7	9.1	6.0	5.3

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COMMODITIES REVIEW

Orwellian ring to SIB's futures business rules

One does not need to dwell long on the studied legalese of last week's weighty offerings from the Securities and Investments Board to reach an arresting conclusion: anybody in the futures business who fondly believed that London was not about to receive a Securities and Exchange Commission should think again.

Indeed, the "Conduct of Business Rules" issued by the SIB for consultation have quite unintentionally an almost Orwellian ring: "deregulation" means exactly the opposite.

Under the guise of "self-regulation", futures trading in London will in fact be carefully regulated by someone else. This is certainly true of private investor business, and is more true of trade business than many people so far have cared to admit.

Take capital adequacy, a matter which arguably affects firms with mainly trade business more closely than those dealing with private investors. The SIB, headed by Sir Kenneth Berrill, has not yet shared its thoughts on this central question with us, but when it does, the squeals will be audible all over the Square Mile.

The notion of what is eligible rather than the size of the capital adequacy requirement will bear an uncanny resemblence to SEC rules.

Or to return to thoughts which the SIB has vouchsafed, take the "Know Your Customer" rule (number 3.4.01 for devotees of last week's "General Note"):

"No firm shall recommend a transaction in options, futures contracts or contracts for differences or effect or arrange for the effecting of such a transaction with or for a customer who is not reasonably believed by the firm to be a business investor in relation to that investment or a professional investor in relation to that transaction unless the firm has a reasonable basis for believing that the customer has such knowledge and experience in financial matters that he may be expected to be capable of evaluating the risks of the transaction and that he can afford to take those risks."

After reading that, one is grateful to the SIB draughtsmen for not including a "clarifying" Practice Note. But the message is plain. A lot of customers of firms who shall remain nameless but which do pop up in the newspapers every now and again could be rejected because either they did not have the relevant knowledge and experience, or because they could not evaluate the risk, or because they could not afford it.

The last is a sound and rather fundamental point which occurs several times in the General Note. The draft rules go on to define best execution (the principle that the client is entitled to the cheapest price), firm's remuneration, and the tricky little matter of investments which are not marketed.

That embraces a wide range, from what one SIB luminary described as the typical Vancouver stock to certain kinds of Business Enterprise Schemes.

And so the rules proceed.



Sir Kenneth Berrill: more rules to come

The detail counts because these rules will be the basis of "equivalence", the SIB doctrine that the Self-Regulatory Organizations which are supposed to run the show must have rules equivalent in the scope and effect to those of the board. In practice, the SIB is depriving SROs of much of their cherished initiative, and it is not outside its powers in so doing.

Let us take another item, almost at random. The rules try to distinguish between on the one hand what I have here called a private investor and what on the other hand the SIB calls a "business investor" and a "professional investor". The former is someone for whom buying and selling investments is normal in the course of carrying on a business whose main purpose is not investment; the latter is someone who carries on an investment business and receives and gives services for that purpose.

In offering these distinctions, the board is trying, quite rightly, to quell long-standing fears among futures traders (that is, professional investors) that they will be subject to the same onerous rules when dealing with each other as when dealing with private investors.

But the list of rules (devotees note again, numbers 3.3.01 to 3.3.07) for dealing with private investors does not leave SROs much scope. Customer agreements, discretionary portfolio management and frequency with which information is given to the customer are all covered.

What the SIB has avoided, interestingly, is a definition of what the SEC calls a "sophisticated investor"

The number of sophisticated private investors in futures and options in this country seems fairly small. Such people are reduced instead to a kind of residual category within the rules, the people who do not fall under any other definition.

But the two crucial points remain. The SIB rules are comprehensive, and we are promised many more: and they are rules, not mere guidelines. Futures and options trading in London, for so long a world of its own, is moving into an uncomfortable era of direct and stringent controls.

By constructing the elaborate apparatus of SROs, the Government has skilfully disguised the true extent of the central direction. Orwell would have understood.

Michael Prest

Damper on building industry hopes

By Judith Huntley
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The construction industry can look forward to only a modest improvement in its fortunes this year, according to the latest Investment in Construction report by Greene & Co, the firm of stockbrokers.

The recent excitement in the sector caused by a bull market and the prospect of the Channel tunnel contracts has died away in the face of falling oil prices and the spectre of rising interest rates, the firm says.

Greene & Co gives warning against pinning hopes for the sector on increasing public expenditure. Much has been said about the state of Britain's declining infrastructure but it has little impact on government policy or spending plans.

Estimates put the construction industry's share of public spending as low as 7.5 per cent in 1986-87, a fall from the 10.3 per cent in 1979-80.

Real growth is likely to come only through the private sector but the broker raises doubts about that if interest rates rise.

The office market in London and the South-east of England is comparatively buoyant, as is the retail sector, the report says. Private house-building provides a solid backbone for the industry but the land shortages in the South-east could present problems.

Greene & Co believes the M J Gleeson Group and Bryant Holdings, both lowly-geared companies, and Wilson (Connolly) Holdings, with its large residential land bank, will be good investments in 1986.

COMPUTER HORIZONS/1

National surgery to soothe the victims of 'technofear'

British management has long been in crisis. It has been shackled with a negative attitude towards anything technical – an attitude that has been tempered by an educational system which dissuaded the best brains from entering technically related professions.

The situation has been further aggravated by an abundance of brilliant engineers whose design talents are the envy of the world but whose understanding of corporate management is basic, again a poor testimony to the British educational system. The middle managers who are trying to keep up with their secretaries' knowledge of word processors are as vulnerable as the entrepreneurs who want to invest computerized/automated equipment with minimum industrial conflict. They are all in need of help.

All is not gloom. A team of volunteers at the British Institute of Management intend to change the profile of those technically deprived managers and attempt to encourage them to shed their "technofears", and learn to appreciate technology.

Last week the team began a campaign to raise £500,000 to transform the 100 or so BIM centres around the UK into surgeries where ailing managers can have therapy in confidence.

The national surgery network is an extension of two pilot schemes which have been created within the last 18 months at Warrington and Kingston. In these centres managers of different ranks and backgrounds have discussed their problems with experts and with each other in their search for solutions.

The network is to be extended in modest stages, assuming that the BIM can get industry to fund the project and realize that without such a scheme UK management will remain second-rate and under-skilled. By September six surgeries will be in operation, depending on the funding available.

That funding is a yearly budget of about £5,000 for each centre. The price is cheap, since most of the overheads in teaching and adminstration are carried out by unpaid volunteers.

Britain will pay an even higher price in the international business market if its corporate decision-makers are outclassed. Undoubtedly the long term approach must be to give a more comprehensive education to those studying technical subjects.

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Dr Bert Darnell, one of the principal energies behind the BIM surgery project, was on the Finniston Committee which looked at the calibre of British engineers. The Finniston report was to recommend many sweeping changes. In the wake of its publication the Engineering Council was ultimately formed to influence the education and training of engineers.

Testimonies gathered by committee members from Europeans and Americans were in praise of the technical skills of British engineers but highly critical of their arrogance, inflexibility, and ignorance of corporate management. Bluntly, they were not qualified to be considered for management and invariably they were not.

Waiting for the new batches of engineers to acquire such skills will guarantee that British management will be so far behind its major industrial competitors that catching up may prove to be almost impossible. That is what makes the BIM project vital.

The surgeries, however, are not enough. The patients must realise that they are ailing. To help that diagnostic process the BIM is encouraging its members to give their skills an objective audit.

The result of such audits is to ensure that the manager can:

- Take advantage of new systems;
- Relate market requirements and opportunities to technical projects;
- Understand the best methods of working with the relevant technology and how to make the best use of people's skills;
- Marry corporate strategy to the exploitation of those skills and technologies.

The technology, albeit computers or electronics, is but a means to an end. The manager must be able to relate that change to the business in which he is competing.

They must examine whether markets are being lost for technical reasons, what is the performance of the competition and what strains will be imposed when new technology is introduced.

Information Technology Year three years ago raised the awareness of British business significantly we were told. If it ever did then British management has failed to respond to the challenge.

For that reason the BIM project must be supported.

THE WEEK

By Bill Johnstone

Technology Correspondent

Gentlemen cracksmen of the 80s

By Richard Sarson

Hacking is the dangerous sport of breaking electronically and often illegally into other people's computer networks and then browsing around, preferably in the most heavily protected parts of the system. The hackers see themselves as the gentlemen cracksmen of the high-technology 1980s.

When *The Hacker's Handbook* by Hugo Cornwall was published last year it uncovered an interest in hacking much wider than the author expected. So now the book has been revised to keep up with 1985's technical jumps: new videotex targets to hack and new radio and packet-switching services to use to reach those targets.

It also brings the reader up to date with the effects of the Data Protection Act and the possible extension of the crime of forgery to cover certain types of hacking. Omitted are references to the Great Prince Philip Prestel Mailbox Hack to avoid *sub judice* comment on a court case next month.

The pseudonymous Hugo Cornwall takes a new look at the ethics of hacking. He is insistent that hackers are not fraudsters, transferring vast sums between bank accounts, or moles, burrowing away in the most secret of MI5 files. The hacker is seldom interested in what he finds. The fun lies in the intellectual process of getting in.

One of the pioneers, Susan Headley, a 17-year-old Californian, who ran all over the local telephone system in 1977, confessed that what attracted her was the sense of power. She had beaten today's elite, the computer designers.

Mr Cornwall is fascinated by peeping into the inner workings of fashionable multitasking operating systems, running on large mainframes, through the porthole of his battered old Apple II+. He does not regard this as trespassing because he is not doing it for gain, or to damage the system, but because he genuinely admires the networks he is exploring.

He disapproves of electronic vandals and even deplores the spitefulness of a group of American hackers who, displeased with a *Newsweek* reporter, Richard Sandaza, for betraying confidences, hacked into his credit rating and displayed it on bulletin boards from coast to coast as revenge.

Truthfulness is seldom present in tales of hacking exploits. The hacker embroiders his achievements, but covers up his methods. The victim does not like to appear a fool and covers up the fact that he has been hacked.

The book may introduce new hackers into this twilit world of semi-legality, half-truths and hoaxes. But it will warn others of the consequences, and may even deter them.

For the non-hacker it is a clear and entertaining introduction to data communications

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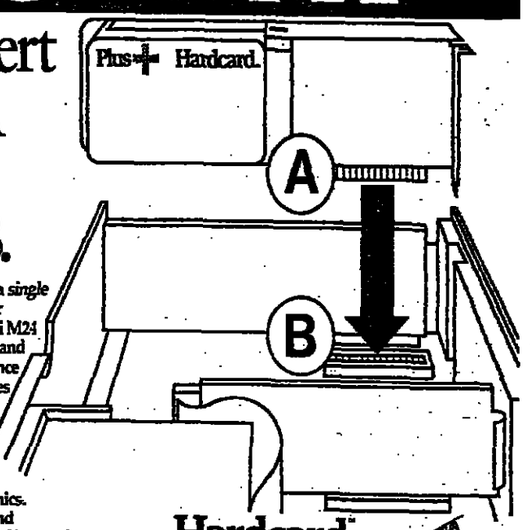
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Invaders in the living room

By Richard Pawson

In the beginning there was Pong, the brainchild of Silicon Valley entrepreneur Nolan Bushnell. This simple computerized video game that involved two bats and a ball was to spark off a multi-million dollar revolution in home entertainment. That was in 1972 and every succeeding year has seen an increase in the sophistication of the video effects. Yet it has taken 14 years for the next major innovation to arrive and it comes from the same inventor.

Mr Bushnell's new concept can best be described as three-dimensional video games. To put it another way, Space Invaders have acquired a physical form: they no longer attack down a video screen, but across the living room carpet.

TechForce was revealed at the New York Toy Fair earlier this month, which means that it will be in US toy shops by Christmas, but probably not in Britain until 1987. American prices will start from $200 (£137) for two consoles and two vehicles.

Designed for two players, TechForce gives each player control of up to eight mobile units via a radio-control link with a range of 50 feet. These units have interchangeable bodies to give a range of different games from space monsters to World War II tank engagements.

Each mobile unit can move forwards and backwards, turn, or fire an infra-red beam at an opposing unit. If the beam hits the receptor on another unit then the latter is immobilized for 10 seconds. Conventional LEDs give a visual indication that a unit is firing.

The tricky part of the design, according to Mr Bushnell, was finding a way to encode messages for eight different units on to one radio channel. The computer chip inside each unit was designed within his own company, Axlon, and has an expansion unit for additional functions — including a planned link to existing home computers.

In the initial version, however, each player needs a TechForce command consul. Any individual tank or combination of tanks can be selected from the keyboard and their movements and guns controlled live from a joystick. The consuls also permit players to pre-program a simple sequence of moves for each tank and then activate them simultaneously. When the effects of the moves have been observed, players can specify their next attack.

Some entrepreneurs foresee a major market in off-the-shelf software

However, Mr Bushnell foresees a major market in off-the-shelf software, familiar ground to the man who founded Atari, and to this end he has devised an ingenious method of dubbing control signals on to the audio track of a cassette or video tape. Conventional voice or music recordings do not interfere with these control signals (which are picked up by a microphone attached to one control consul) thus enabling verbal instructions for the game, background music and sound effects to be on the same tape.

In an impressive demonstration of TechForce, a video recording of Mr Bushnell interacts with space vehicles on the floor in front of the screen — each one seemingly responding to the voice of its creator. He goes on to initiate a game of three-dimensional space invaders. The eight aliens receive their orders from the TV set: your solitary defender must immobilize them before they reach you — ducking behind cover when they are about to fire.

My own efforts to oppose this onslaught lasted just 30 seconds and seemed about as ineffectual as my attempts on the video versions in the late 1970s. But there is no denying the addictive quality of video games in physical form.

If it works on video tape there is no reason why control signals should not broadcast on live television — a licensing opportunity that Bushnell has not been slow to exploit. In the case of TechForce, a live TV programme could bring the toys themselves to life.

Shakespeare put in the shade

By David Guest

Stephen Johnson



Shakespeare's vocabulary is estimated at about 5,000 words. The thrifty Racine, by contrast, made do with fewer than 1,000. But both are put in the shade by modern word processing programs.

During the past month three word processing packages have been launched with extensive lexicons that automatically check the typist's spelling. Volkswriter 3 has a lexicon of 170,000 words, IBM's Displaywrite 3 has 100,000 and Innovative Software's Smart program has 80,000 plus a thesaurus.

Spelling checkers have been available as adjuncts to word processing programs for several years, but their size and growing scope is beginning to put them into a new category. They belong in the class of software that the computer industry's marketing men find so hard to illuminate — expert systems.

This type of software commonly deals with more abstruse subjects such as medical diagnoses or mineral prospecting. The common feature is their ability to give answers that spare their users a journey to the reference library. Spelling checkers are a simple example; so simple that they have so far escaped attention.

They offer expertise at two levels. First, there are the labours of the lexicographers whose works have been recorded on a floppy disc. Then there is the processing software that applies the spelling checker to the document being typed at the word processor.

IBM was unable to disclose the source of Displaywrite 3's words at the product's launch. It specified only that it was based on a 100,000 word UK dictionary. The Smart package is assembled from Merriam-Webster's Ninth New Collegiate. Lifetree Software's Volkswriter has the most interesting pedigree of the trio.

Lifetree's founder, Carmilo Wilson, says the lexicon has been compiled by ex-EEC linguists from 10 dictionaries, technical and general. This makes the product truly international — Wilson is Chilean, his company is American, and the dictionary is European by adoption. It should embody substantial expertise.

Modern spelling checkers are not restricted to spelling. The Smart product is sensitive to punctuation and abbreviation and Volkswriter 3 will detect missing spaces. Both can spot lower case letters that should be capitals, words that have been repeated accidentally and incorrectly used prefixes and suffixes.

Volkswriter is also said to look at phonetics and misplaced letters in its checking process. In doing so it introduces an educational element: when it detects a mistake it delves into the dictionary to produce a list of the closest alternatives for the user's consideration, and there can be incongruous suggestions.

For example, typing the word 'rong' will yield a string of obvious alternatives — wrong, wrang, wrung, ring etc — and one or two that are less closely related.

Improving your word-power is probably old hat as a slogan for a word processor, but the new breed of program seems genuinely to offer the possibility. Alongside accepted standards of literacy, 170,000 words sounds like a major contribution to adult education.

Beside Racine's miserly tally it sounds like overkill. But Racine did not seek fame writing business letters.

HP backs radical computer design

From Matthew May, San Francisco

The American computer firm Hewlett-Packard is to base most of its future computer products on a novel form of computer design that the industry is only beginning to accept.

So far this form of computer architecture, known as reduced instruction set computers (Risc), has been seen as largely relevant to specialist markets, such as engineering and science, where complex design and research programs need intensive computation.

The technology, developed over ten years ago by scientists at IBM, is based on research which showed that the majority of a computer's time is spent processing a relatively small number of simple instructions, twenty per cent of a computer's set of instructions would be used 80 per cent of the time.

It led to a design of computer architecture which builds simple instructions into the hardware of a machine and puts seldom-used instructions into software, thereby, say its advocates, making computers more powerful, reliable and cheaper.

Hewlett-Packard is to begin its switch to Risc technology with the launch of two high performance minicomputers for business applications and two others for engineering and factory automation. The first will not, however, be available until the middle of this year and the last in the middle of 1987.

Their early announcement will give the company time to reassure potential customers — particularly those for the business machines — who may feel they will end up as guinea pigs for the new technology in an industry deeply cautious about changing such fundamentals as computer architechture.

John Young, president and chief executive of the company, firmly denies the suggestion that the complete switch to Risc is a major gamble. "At HP we are innovators, not gamblers," he said, pointing out that two-thirds of the developments in the new computers are not to do with the Risc technology. And, he pointed out, all the software for its current range of business computers can easily be converted for use on the two new business machines.

Other computer manufacturers will be watching HP's fortunes with great interest as the new machines are cheaper to build and maintain and should provide a sharp boost to Hewlett-Packard's profit margin. Being the first company to base an entire product range on Risc may be a gamble, but if mushrooming growth rates are to return to an industry that badly needs innovation, the rewards it reaps could be great.

Amiga set for launch in Europe

■ Commodore is due to announce a European version of its Amiga micro in Frankfurt tomorrow. The success of this technically advanced computer is vital to the company which earlier this month reported a $53 million loss for its second quarter compared to a $3.2 million profit a year earlier.

With an expected price for the European Amiga of more than £1,000, Commodore is expected to emphasize its use as a business micro — unlike America, Europeans will not pay that sort of amount for anything perceived as purely a home computer.

■ More than half of medium-sized businesses are deterred from using electronic mail because of the incompatibility between different services says the electronic mail company One-to-One. It is suggesting that such services band together to set up direct links between different systems under a new organisation — the European Electronic Mail Association.

Companies which joined would be expected to promptly pass on messages received from other services and charge only the usual rate to subscribers. "Given the will," says Roger Dean of One-to-One, "our industry could achieve complete message interchange in months. All the technical problems were solved years ago when the various services linked up to the telex network".



'I'm borrowing it for the weekend to help me do my son's homework'

■ British firms must "automate or liquidate", says the British Robot Association after it released figures showing that the sales of industrial robots in the UK fell for the first time last year. Despite expansion in West Germany, the US and Japan, only 585 robots were sold here in 1985 compared to 679 in 1984. West Germany has 8,000 industrial robots compared to Britains 3,200.

■ Birmingham-based Apricot Computers dipped its corporate toe into the waters of the market for computers that can handle several users last week as it announced the development of a multiple station computer based a round its Xen business micro.

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The system looks similar to the standard Xen computer but comes with two megabytes of computer memory, a minimum of 20 megabytes of hard disc computer storage, expandable to 100 megabytes, and a 20 megabyte tape back-up cartridge. The base unit costs £5,000 and each terminal £1,000 with a monchrome screen and one megabyte of memory built in.

The company claims that this will move it into the super micro and low end mini computer market — offering a system which has high speed performance.

■ In a major blow to IBM, the US central tax agency, the Internal Revenue Service, has given a £20 million contract for 15,000 laptop portable computers to Zenith Data Systems. Industry experts and computer journals on both sides of the Atlantic had predicted IBM would win the contract — the first order for its new laptop that has yet to be announced publicly.

UK Events

Dexpo Europe 86, Olympia 2, London, today until Thursday.
Atari Computer Show, Novotel, Hammersmith, London, W6, March 7-9 (061-456 8835)
Amstrad Computer Show, New Century Hall, Manchester, March 22-23 (061-456 8835)
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Time to put the board in the picture

By Richard Sarson

More and more managers and clerks are getting screens on their desks which give them facts and figures about their job. Members of a company's board are ususally not so lucky.

They still go into board *meetings with sheaves of paper* full of rows and columns and indigestible numbers. Perhaps they would prefer the facts to be served up in charts *and graphs to show key ratios* and trends, not just raw numbers.

Financial directors can be guilty of either giving board members too much paper to find important figures hidden in a mass of details or they get so little they cannot pinpoint a trouble spot.

Geoffrey Kent, chairman of the Imperial Group, was one of those who felt he and his board needed better than this and since 1981 has built up a boadroom computer system to give a view of the company



Hi-tech business: ICL's computer-controlled meeting room

that can be as broad or as pinpointed as it wants.

To do this a team converted budgets, five-year plans, monthly accounting returns and economic trends into a computer library of 2,000 graphs and tables. The board members can select any of these and browse through them at their desks. Recently the system was extended to the boadroom so that charts can be brought up on a projection screen — in full colour of course.

Imperial's boadroom system was put in by Metapraxis of Kingston with prices starting at about £25,000. ICL also believes there is a market for intelligent computerized boadrooms and sells "a unique octagonal shaped meeting room" complete with hi-tech equipment called the Pod. But with a staggering price tag of more than £100,000 it has so far only managed to sell one.

Intelligent boadrooms are a development of the ideas of Winston Churchill's cabinet war room, although the technology is no longer obtrusive, say the developers.

An *intelligent* boardroom, it is argued, can give facts in a painless way, hopefully leading them to better decisions. It could even help them to argue their case better to merchant bankers in the crises of commercial life such as takeover bids — perhaps this was why Geoffrey Kent decided to extend his company's system to the boardroom last autumn.

Countdown to a controlled bang

By David Guest

A slow fuse is burning down to the deregulation of financial services in the City in October and suppliers of computer systems are laying plans for a controlled explosion.

As any veteran of shop tills at the time of decimalization will confirm, change spells opportunity for the nimble system manufacturer. But it can also mean high risk.

A peculiarity of the deregulation of the Stock Exchange is the degree of uncertainty that applies to the size and type of computer systems that will be needed. New types of dealer, new business and new electronic services are on the cards but estimating the scale and scope of the systems to cope with them is fraught with difficulty.

One supplier said archly: "Come October we're going to have to take a speculative position on the delivery of systems."

Two companies at opposite ends of the spectrum represent the computer industry's response. Tandem, the multinational which has become popular among computer users in the financial sector with fault-tolerant systems and specialization in transaction processing, has allied itself with two other specialists in a venture called Consultants to the City.

FDS Microsystems, a much smaller operation but with a *background in computer services* to the City, has launched a system that can be extended in scope and size on demand.

Tandem, Admiral Computing, and C&P Technology — Consultants to the City — came together late last year on the understanding that three heads are better than one. Between them they claim to be able to offer everything from desk design to advanced computer hardware, and the consultancy to apply it at the right point.

FDS Microsystems' Multiview is aimed at a particular sector of the market — *small and medium-sized* brokers, and fund managers in large organizations. It uses the IBM PC as a building block and its purpose is to enable brokers *to make the best use of* the technology and services available.

A Multiview system is a network of PCs into which information services like Topic and Datastream are fed. Each user has a keyboard, a PC and one or two screens. The system is administered by a PC system unit and more system units act as the turnstiles *through which the information* services enter the network.

The software organizes incoming data for the user and allows him or her to build up a view of an immediate area of concern. It will also monitor the market automatically while the PC is used on another task, triggering an alert if, for example, a user's stop-loss condition is reached.

The network can accommodate between 30 and 200 terminals and *FDS* also offers consultancy services and network maintenance. It promises to protect its users from having to tangle with the information vendors and with British Telecom.

On screen faster then ever before

By Frank Brown

An optical processor capable of operating 1,000 times faster than present processors will be one of the highlights of this year's Hanover Fair CeBIT (Office and Information Technology) *Exhibition*. The event, which opens on March 12 for eight days, will be the largest information technology exhibition in the world with more *than 2,000 exhibitors from 26* countries, including more than 100 from the UK.

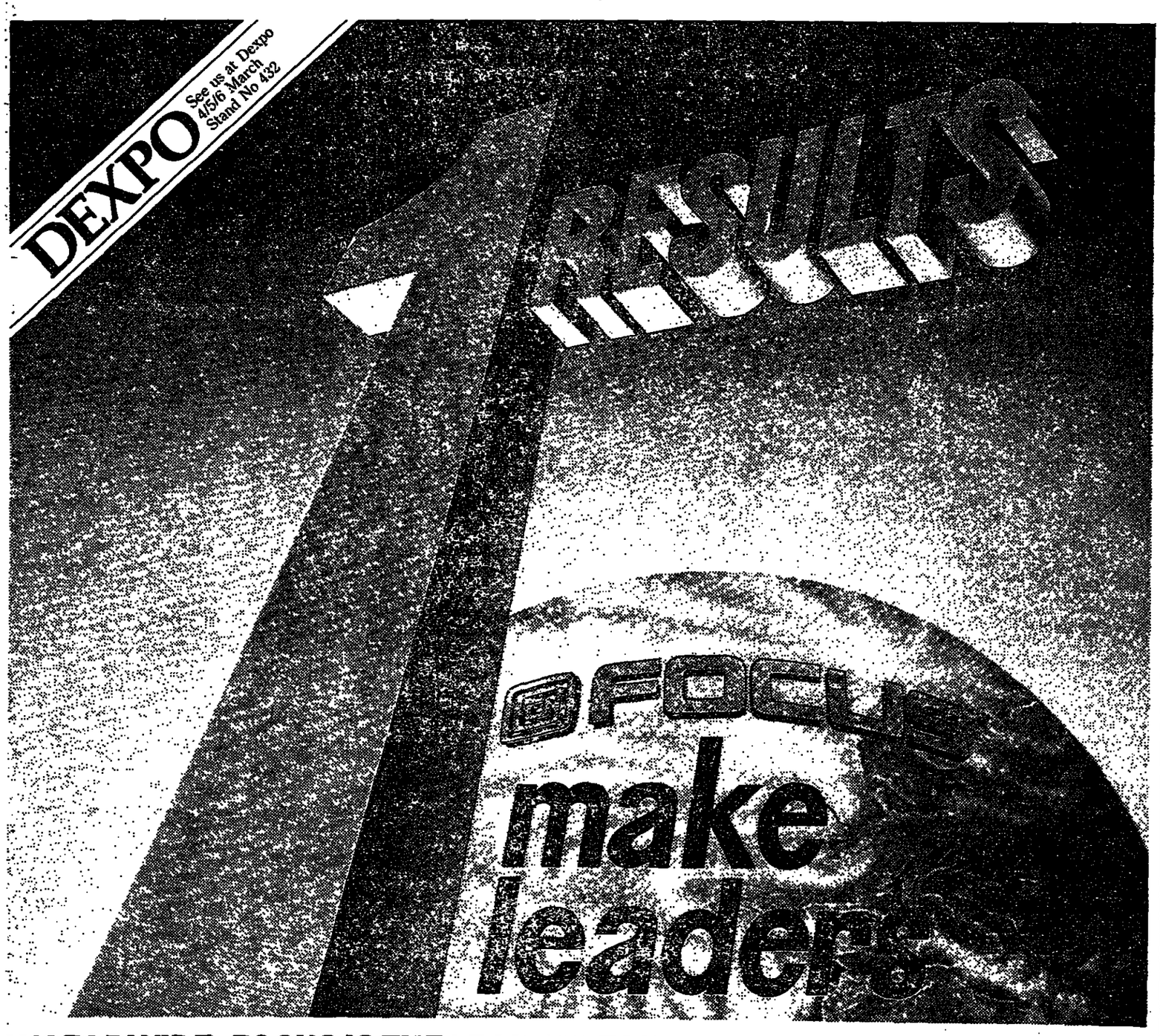
Exhibits will cover virtually every aspect of office, information and communications technologies, including R&D, products, systems, and networks and special sections on banking and security, computer integrated manufacturing, software and personal computing.

The new optical processor will be one of many prototype exhibits in the Exhibition's R&D section where academic and research *establishments* from many parts of the world, including two from the UK, will be demonstrating the results of their work.

The device has been developed by the European Joint *Optical* Bistability (EJOB) Project, one of a number of EEC-funded research programmes that will be featured on the European Commission's stand

EJOB was established last year to co-ordinate the efforts of eight European Laboratories and Research Teams in developing a digital optical parallel computer that will *revolutionize* present processing technology, particularly in artificial intelligence, optical image processing, and optical networking.

The *EJOB* project has given Europe a strong lead in optical processing over its competitors in the US and Japan. It is due to end later this year and the availability of further funds will depend on the willingness *of the industry to provide* support for a follow-up project.



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Another push to a hi-tech frontier

By Peter Purton

The computer has worked its way through a number of technologies in its relatively *short life. It now seems set to* see yet another one off and the change may prove to be the most spectacular offering the potential for building computers a million times more powerful than those available.

The one thing common to all of the current technologies on which computers are based is that they all rely on the transfer of electrical charge for their signals. Scientists in Edinburgh, however, are now working on a crude computing subsystem which dispenses with electricity as a signal *medium and uses light in its* place — the optical computer.

Silicon chips have enabled the design of machines capable of processing three or four million instructions a second. Optical switching components have been demonstrated which can switch at speeds approaching tenths of billionths of a second and researchers believe this speed can be increased a hundredfold.

But the most exciting prospect *which optical computer* technology holds is based on the non-interfering nature of light. Individual optical components may be able to cope *with thousands or even* millions of parallel information paths at the same time.

If the paths of two or more electrical signals become close they will *interfere with each* other. With light, a huge number of signals may travel in closest proximity, even crossing each other's paths without causing *interference*. The eye, for instance, may detect all of the light rays reflected from an object, despite whatever other light sources may be present, and use the information to reconstruct a perfect image of the object.

The basic building block of the optical computer is the transphasor — an optical equivalent of the transistor.

The operation of the transphasor is based on the properties of certain crystals. *In these* crystals, of which 23 have been found to date, the refractive index, which determines the rate by which light is slowed as it passes through a material, can be altered by changes in the intensity of light.

But before transphasors can be used to build optical computers a number of problems must be overcome. Some have already been tackled. The first transphasors built at Edinburgh's Heriot-Watt University, for example, needed to be operated at temperatures a few hundreds of degrees below the freezing point of water in order that the active material, indium antimonide, *displayed the right character*istics.

Now the Heriot-Watt team, under the leadership of Professor Desmond Smith, has found other materials such as zinc selenide which will operate at more convenient temperatures. The team has also been able to show that simple digital circuits can be built by connecting individual devices.

As young as it is, the field of optical computer development is not without controversy. "There is a gang of *people centred around* Bell Laboratories in the US who try to pretend that gallium arsenide is the answer," says Professor Smith. "There is no *scientific evidence* to pretend that gallium arsenide will be any better than our own materials. No one has yet made a gallium arsenide de*vice which exhibits gain, is of* steady state and is cascadable," he claims.

One critic of Professor Smith's work is John Midwinter, Professor of opto-electronics at University College London. He believes that the technology being applied by the Heriot-Watt team may lead to devices capable of switching in times close to hundredths of billionths of a second but that they would have to wait for as long as a *millionth* of a second before being able to be switched again, a period similar to that which can be expected from the cheapest silicon chips.

Professor Smith, however, claims that his team has demonstrated recovery times in the region of a thousandth of a millionth of a second.

Professor Midwinter is not yet convinced that a general purpose computer based on optical technology may be possible but he does see applications for optical switching devices in communications applications. But *Professor Smith* remains firmly convinced of the potential of his transphasor as the basis of a universal processor. "The first universal processor is a few years away," he admits, "but working components for the research worker will be *available* from us by the end of this year."

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Schuster is key to battle royal

By Brian Glanville

The long-postponed confrontation with Bernd Schuster and his wife could not have come at a worse time for the Barcelona manager, Terry Venables. Tomorrow brings the first leg of the mighty European Cup quarter-final with Juventus in the Nou Camp stadium, and the general informed view is that only with Schuster in the team, fully fit and fully committed have Barcelona much chance over the two legs.

Venables, who has shown a Job-like patience all season, made a symbolic gesture in relieving Schuster of the captaincy. The bitter irony is that the West German has no greater admirer or defender than his English manager, who has assured me that last season he was the finest midfield player in Europe (all the more reason, then, to see him in direct opposition to Platini). Even last October, when Schuster had declared himself fully fit to play in Bilbao ("It's easier to come back alive from Vietnam than Bilbao," he has said) Venables continued to defend the player.

But enough is enough. The Barcelona directors recently censured their controversial President, Nunes, for taking too passive an attitude towards Schuster. But it is difficult to know what to do with so stubborn a player, with so visibly dominant a wife. The general view is that Gaby Schuster calls the shots and that Schuster, a dazzling presence on the field, is immeasurably less mature off it.

Schuster has been having laser beam treatment. If he is fit, he will surely play tomorrow; but who knows in what physical, not to mention psychological, condition he would be.

Juventus's easy win two Sundays ago in Bari was ominuous news for Barcelona; it was the Turin club's first away victory for four months and they played superbly in the second half. When I mentioned to Gordon Cowans, Bari's midfield orchestrator, in Tel Aviv last week that Paul Rideout had hit the Juventus bar in the first few minutes, when the goalkeeper touched his drive, Cowans answered resignedly that Juventus looked good enough to have raised their game when they wanted. Platini, he said, was superb; but then, he had so much help.

The striker, Briaschi, whom Liverpool found so difficult to handle on the Turin ice in the Super Cup a year ago, has returned after long absence through injury to give a further alternative up front, where the new acquisitions Serena, he of the dangerous head, and the Dane, Laudrup look so effective.

Mauro, the "deep" right winger bought from Udinese seems also to have settled well while Manfredonia, with all memories of his two-year suspension for the fixed odds betting scandal behind him, has strong claims to a place in Italy's World Cup midfield. The former Lazio sweeper was another to join the drastically renewed Juventus team this season.

Then there is Cabrini, whose attacking forays from full-back are as productive as Scirea, the sweeper, has lost some of his pace, but Archibald and the Barcelona attack will not find much given away.

Anderlecht play Bayern Munich in another fascinating European Cup tie. Both teams are in hot contention to retain their League titles, though Bayern have ground to make up on Werder Bremen, whose week, Anderlecht were beaten 3-2 by South Korea in a friendly in Brussels, but four of their regular players, including the Belgian internationals Vandenbergh and Vandereycken, did not participate.

An interesting feature of the Anderlecht midfield is that it includes two players of foreign extraction, who made their names in Italy; Scifo, whose parents are Sicilian, but who now plays for Belgium, and Lozano, born in Spain, but back in Belgium after an unhappy season with Real Madrid.

● (Brian Glanville is Football Correspondent of the Sunday Times)

FOOTBALL: ATTENTION CENTRES ON EUROPE'S MIDFIELD MEN



The first of three: Sanchez puts Real Madrid on the way to a 3-0 win over Hercules.

Souness impressed by England

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Graeme Souness, the captain of Scotland, yesterday briefly changed national allegiance and joined the growing band of those who are optimistic about England's fate in the World Cup finals. He believes that the squad that Bobby Robson will take to Mexico this summer will reach at least the semi-finals and could perhaps even win it.

"I know some people don't seem to agree," he said, "but there are a lot of quality players in the current England side. The last two results, in strange places where they were on a hiding to nothing, were impressive and I would put them in with France and Denmark as the strongest of the finalists among the European contingent.

"Bryan Robson's individual contribution is obvious but perhaps even more important is that, in Shilton, England have the best goalkeeper in the world. Hoddle has more ability than anyone else in the game today and, if the ball rolls in the right direction, I'm convinced they will do very well."

Souness recently competed against all of those who will be included in the England party and now, for Sampdoria, he plays every week against those who will in less than three months be defending the world title. "If they met each other tomorrow" he stated, "I would take England to win.

"Italy are sure to do well because of the way they play," he added. "Almost every side in the World Cup will line-up with a sweeper and they do that the whole time in the domestic league. The Italian public accepts that defending is as, if not more important than attacking.

"They will put up with a 1-0 win, a sneaked result, but the English first division is unique because it is so fast, so aggressive and so competitive. The step up from there to international level, where everything is conducted at a much slower and more deliberate pace, is a problem.

"But the Italians in general have a tremendous respect for the English game and the coaches study the game here to examine why the clubs have been so successful in Europe over the last decade. The only other setback is going to be the lack of time to prepare properly.

"The Italian League season, for example, will end on April 26 and, although the Cup will be only at the quarter-final stage, none of the internationals will be involved in domestic fixtures from then on." In other words, Italy's World Cup build-up will last a fortnight longer than England's.

Souness, who has a year left on his contract at Sampdoria, thinks that Hoddle, Robson, Lineker and Stevens would flourish in his adopted homeland. "The two midfield players would enjoy the space they would be given but Lineker might find it harder. To be a forward in Italy is a young man's game."

He was more pessimistic about his own nation's World Cup fortunes. "On paper we are the weakest in our group," he admitted. "Our first game against Denmark is so important and we will have done well just to get through to the second round."

Cardiff City to be put up for sale

Cardiff City's owners, Kenton Utilities, have indicated that this will be the last season in which they will support the club, which is losing around £5,000 a week.

The general manager, Ron Jones, confirmed yesterday that he is having talks with a number of businessmen who might be interested in forming a consortium to take over the struggling third division club.

"Kenton are prepared to listen to any reasonable offer preferably from South Wales,"Jones said. Kenton have written off more than £1 million which they are owed for ground improvements, but the buyer would have to pay off a bank overdraft of £250,000 and purchase the Jarrow-based company's shares.A possible starting price for negotiations is believed to be in the region of £500,000.

● A £1.2 million sports centre was opened at Middlesbrough Football Club yesterday after a six-year delay. The work to meet fire and safety regulations has been paid for by the second division club, the Sports Council, the Football Grounds Improvement Trust, and Middlesbrough Borough Council.

The sports hall will be used for five a side football, basketball, volleyball, badminton, table tennis and aerobics. The weight training and fitness room has been described as one of the best in the North.A second phase planned for the centre will include a snooker room, a sauna and a solarium.

Two listed

West Bromwich have transfer-listed Garth Crooks and Mickey Thomas, because they have refused to move in order to live near the Hawthorns. Crooks, signed from Spurs, lives in London while Thomas, a Welsh international midfield player who signed from Chelsea, has his home in North Wales.

The Albion manager, Ron Saunders, said: "I have spoken to both players and asked them to move into this area. They have both declined."I regard it as unprofessional for players to live so far away from the club and gave them the opportunity to move nearer. For this reason they have been placed on the transfer list."

● Andy Strong, the Middlesbrough full back, is to get away from the English winter. Strong, who is on the transfer list, has had his contract cancelled by mutual consent so he can join his fiancée, who is working in the West Indies.

● Jeff Hopkins, Fulham's Welsh international central defender, goes into hospital for a knee operation on Wednesday.

Oxford in mood for good result

Oxford United, who are attempting to reach Wembley for the first time in their history, are taking a positive approach to Villa Park for tonight's Milk Cup semi-final first leg."We are not going there to defend," Maurice Evans, the Oxford manager, said.

"Without being over-confident we must be in with a shout after away wins at Chelsea and Manchester City in our last two matches. Villa are not going too well at the moment and we are in the mood to get a good result," he added.

John Trewick, the Oxford full back, who was carried off at Maine Road on Saturday with stud marks and bruising on his right knee, has made an unexpectedly fast recovery. "It surprised me how quickly John has got over the injury, and although he will have a late test, I expect him to play," Evans said.

Oxford have a slight doubt about the forward Jeremy Charles, who was sent home from training yesterday with a throat infection, but hope to be unchanged for the long-delayed semi-final.

The match now seems certain to go ahead at the fourth attempt, with Villa likely to draft in Gary Williams,their full back, who is on the transfer list.

Williams, who asked for a move after being dropped after Villa's FA Cup defeat at Millwall in January, is standing by because Tony Dorigo has a hamstring strain.

Villa are still without the suspended Andy Gray, but expect Steve Hodge, the England under-21 captain, to recover from a "dead leg."

Peter Shreeve, the Tottenham manager, waits for a fitness test on the versatile Gary Mabbutt before finalizing his line-up for the FA Cup fifth-round tie against Everton at White Hart Lane.

Mabbutt, currently playing in the centre of the defence, has a knee injury and Shreeve said: "He has been a kingpin for us recently. Whatever team I select depends on his fitness." Graham Roberts is available again after suspension and Clive Allen, Tony Galvin and Ovaldo Ardiles have also been added to the Spurs squad.

Everton will be boosted by the return of Paul Bracewell,the England midfield player, who has been passed fit after having plaster removed from a damaged shin.The league leaders have a slight doubt about the full back Gary Stevens, who has a knee injury. Alan Harper will take over if necessary.

Under-21 squad face Cup calls

England's attempt to win the European Under-21 championship for the third time could be wrecked by the fixtures backlog. The holders' squad for the first leg of the quarter-final in Denmark on March 12 is in danger of being halved by club commitments, and nine of the 18 selected could miss the trip because of Cup games.

Aston Villa's Steve Hodge, Paul Elliott and Mark Walters are due to face Oxford in the semi-final of the Milk Cup – the same night as the Denmark match and another six players are with clubs still in the FA Cup and who could have replays or delayed sixth-round ties next week.

Aberdeen rescued

Aberdeen yesterday recruited the assistance of their old rivals, Dundee United, to bring them to peak fitness for tomorrow's European Cup quarter-final against Gothenburg.

Alex Ferguson,the Aberdeen manager, asked United for the use of their heated pitch to beat the freeze which has gripped Aberdeen and United's directors immediately granted approval for Tannadice Park to be turned over to Aberdeen. Ferguson transported his entire first-team squad 70 miles down the coast to Dundee for a work-out on the frost-free surface.

After training Ferguson said, "Coming down to Dundee has been a valuable exercise and might make all the difference on Wednesday night." Ferguson had been forced to train his squad on Aberdeen's vast sandy beach close to Pittodrie but felt that the players had begun to look sluggish on the soft surface.

He said: "I didn't consider the beach as an ideal place to sharpen them up for such an important European match. They needed a work-out on grass and will be the better for it."

Meanwhile, Pittodrie is expected to be fit for the quarter-finals of the champions cup. The frost which caused the postponement of Saturday's League game against United showed signs of easing yesterday leaving Ferguson hopeful that the pitch will be fit for tomorrow. Failing that, Aberdeen and Gothenburg could try again on Thursday night

It is in Aberdeen's best interests to ensure that the match goes ahead

Price of room in Mexico 'reasonable'

Mexico City (AP) – The Tourism Department here has insisted that hotel rates will not be rising to unacceptable levels during the World Cup finals, to be staged in May and June.

The top price for a four-star hotel would be 38,000 pesos and for a three-star hotel 18,000 pesos. The article quoted Alejandro Morones Ochoa, the under-secretary of tourism for operations, as saying that the rates were reasonable and adequate.

A statement in the government newspaper El Nacional said that a maximum price of 48,000 pesos (about £69) would be enforced for five-star hotels.

RUGBY UNION: ENGLAND STILL HAVE PROBLEMS

Simms looks unlikely for vital game with France

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The hamstring injury to Kevin Simms, England's centre, sustained during the game against Ireland on Saturday, not only prevents him from appearing for the Barbarians against the East Midlands tomorrow at Northampton but casts doubt over his availability for England in their final five nations' championship match against France on March 15.

Looking further ahead it may also affect the England squad which takes part in the international sevens tournament in Sydney on March 22 to 23. Simms is a member of the 11-strong party named to travel to Australia under the management of Martin Green, the England coach.

It is doubt over the centres which delays the announcement of England's team to play France, probably until tomorrow. Fran Clough, a colleague of Simms at Cambridge University, hurt a thumb but otherwise came through his first international intact. Under normal circumstances, however, a hamstring injury would need rest for at least three weeks, leaving England seeking a replacement for Simms.

His place was filled on Saturday by John Palmer, the Bath captain, who thus won his third cap having played twice against South Africa in 1984. Bath were not pleased to find Palmer still on the bench when England dropped both centres, Jamie Salmon and Simon Halliday, after the heavy defeat against Scotland and it is ironic now that if Simms proves unfit, one of those two may be recalled.

Frankly, what England will have to do if they are to beat the French is tackle and make sure of bringing their men down. The French backs have proved time after time this season that they are strong enough to stay on their feet in the now-fashionable smother tackle, and I would not mind seeing Salmon restored to the fold as much for his defensive qualities as for his eye for the main scoring chance.

As this international season has unfolded the North has received a fair share of recognition. Eight of England's team on Saturday were from the Northern division and their players dominate the sevens squad for Sydney. That, though, is largely due to the failure of their clubs in the John Player Special Cup. The selectors can not tell which clubs will still be involved in the Cup on March 22 and have gone out of their way not to pick players from, say, Bath, Leicester or Wasps with the exception of Melville who will captain the seven.

There are only two non-Northeners in th squad, Mark Jermyn and the ageless Andy Ripley from Rosslyn Park. Jermyn has proved his sevens value during the Middlesex event and it was Ripley who led the Barbarians to success in the Cathay Pacific-Hong Kong Bank sevens in 1981.

ENGLAND SEVENS SQUAD: N Melville (Wasps, captain), F Clough (Cambridge University and Orrell), M Jermyn (Rosslyn Park), K Simms (Cambridge University and Liverpool), H Thomas (Sale), P Williams (Orrell), A Bond (Sale), P Buckton (Orrell), A Ripley (Rosslyn Park), A Simpson (Sale), P Winterbottom (Headingley).

Art of the touch judge

By David Hands

The art of refereeing has long been recognized; increasingly, however, the art of touch-judging is acknowleded as requiring different qualities. The extent of the team work between Clive Norling, the Welsh match official during England's game with Ireland at Twickenham on Saturday, and his touch judges Derek Bevan and Ken Rowlands, was quite obvious and never more so than in the second minute when Mr Norling had to disallow a try which had already been awarded to Mike Harrison.

At the ruck which preceded the "score" Mr Bevan, who will officiate at England's game with France in Paris on March 15 (his first Five Nation championship appointment), flagged for foul play against Steve Brain, England's hooker. He was quite right to do so. It is a matter for debate whether Mr Norling was right to disallow the try - the incident had no effect on the subsequent run of play - and whether he should have allowed it but restarted the game with a penalty to Ireland.

However, there was no doubting the moral effect of the decision - there could be nothing more salutary for a player than directly to deprive his own side of four, possibly six, points.

When the Welsh referees hold their conference in June, touch-judging will be introduced as part of the conference. Indeed, Mr Bevan himself gave a lecture on the subject to some 140 Welsh referees six days before the game at Twickenham. And before the third round of the Schweppes Welsh Cup in January, all 24 match officials met at Bridgend to discuss touch-judging.

"The natural thing to do is to follow the ball, whereas the touch judge must watch the scrums and line-outs as they break up," Mr Bevan said. "It was something I didn't really enjoy when I started doing it but I don't find it difficult. Concentration is the hardest part."

Unfortunately the teamwork which leading officials from each national panel build-up will be dissipated if only two from each of the seven International Board countries involved in the world tournament next year go to New Zealand and Australia. It appears all too likely that match officials there may not know their touch judges and I would have thought that, for the sake of a few more pounds, it would be worth taking the leading three referees from each country so they can continue to work as a unit.

Irish bemoan loss of an art

By George Ace

While Old Bushmill may have been in short supply late on Saturday night and early Sunday morning at the Irish headquarters in London, advice to solve the problems that beset Irish rugby was plentiful both from past internationals and from those who not so many years ago bore responsibility for team selection. As night gave way to dawn confusion became more evident but there remained an almost complete unanimity that the ability to scrummage, so far as the Irish are concerned, is a lost art.

The after-match comment of Mick Doyle, the coach, that he "wouldn't accept that England were totally dominant in the scrums" provoked almost total disbelief and only succeeded in adding to a steadily growing well of opinion that the Irish plight today is in no small measure due to the almost complete disregard by the Irish coach for this facet of play.

The scrum has played little part in Ireland's preparation for five nations' championship games and Mike Burton, the former England and British Lions prop forward, was absolutely right when he commented in an Irish Sunday newspaper: "It seems to me that the basic preparation wasn't done in terms of scrummaging and it is probably a bit late in the day to do anything about it."

A former Irish and Lions front row forward called for at least three intensive scrummaging sessions before the game against Scotland in Dublin on Saturday week, and a little light relief was brought to the proceedings when the question was posed: "Do you not think it might be better if Doyle took the pack to Lourdes for the weekend rather than hold extra training stints?"

The team to meet Scotland will be selected tonight in Dublin and announced tomorrow.

The middle of the front row, scrum half and the back row will occupy the greater part of the selectors' time. There is a growing lobby of opinion for the removal of Fitzgerald, the captain, but a successor is not easily discernable unless John O'Driscoll, of London Irish, is recalled to the back row. And that would pose a problem of who to leave out between Morrow who wore the No 6 jersey on Saturday with distinction and plays his rugby for Ulster at No 8, and Spillane who, like Lenihan, his Munster colleague, has been playing in fits and starts this season.

Bradley had, admittedly, a difficult task at the base of the Irish scrum, but in truth he has made little or no progress since he won his first cap against Australia in 1984 and has enjoyed an unbroken run since. The time may be opportune to put Ulster's Brady under the international microscope. He is faster in thought and deed and his unpredictability may be no bad thing against the Scots.

IN BRIEF

Capes aids hunt for 'Goliaths'

The recent 12-metre world championship in Fremantle showed up a possible weakness in many of the syndicates which have challenged for the America's Cup. Rougher conditions indicated a need for at least two strong men on each boat to operate the "coffee grinder" winches controlling the foresails (John Nichols writes).

Such men were not included in the nucleus of the crew that has been formed for the two boats of the Royal Thames Yacht Club's challenge, so a competition has been organized to find them. Chris Law, one of the British Challenge's nominated helmsmen, has been put in charge of the search. He has enlisted the shot putter, Geoff Capes, to help him find some 20 "gorillas".

The competition will be organized at Cougar Marine's yard near Southampton.

CYCLING

Kelly still out in the lead

From John Wilcockson
Limel-Brevannes

Sean Kelly comfortably retained his leadership of the Paris-Nice race yesterday, Monday, when he came fourth in a mass sprint finish at the end of the 92-mile first stage. "I was a long way back coming into the finish straight," Kelly said afterwards.

"There was too much ground for There were two right-angled bends in the final kilometre which enabled Bruno Wojtinek from Lille and Francis Castaing from Bordeaux to fight out an all-French duel for first place.

FIRST STAGE (92 miles): 1, B Wojtinek (Fr), 4hr 5min 1sec; 2, F Castaing (Fr); 3, F Hoste (Bel); 4, S Kelly (Ire); 5 E Planckaert (Bel), all same time.
OVERALL: 1, Kelly, 4hr 12min 20sec; 2, B Oosterbosch (Neth), 5sec behind; 3, A Bondue (Fr), 7sec; 4, T Marie (Fr), 8sec; 5, J Vandenbroucke (Bel), 12sec; 6, G LeMond (US), 12sec; 7, Wojtinek, 14sec; 8, G Duclos-Lassalle (Fr), 14sec.

GOLF

Knox gains unusual triumph

From John Ballantine
Coral Springs, Florida

Kenny Knox's unexpected win in the Honda Classic on Sunday was one of the more interesting stories in the history of the US tour. "Kenny who?" one might well ask. Until the professional from Tallahassee held off Andy Bean, John Mahaffey, Jodie Mudd and Clarence Rose to win the $90,000 first prize by one stroke, his six-year professional career had been distinguished only by occasional wins on the "mini tour", a circuit for unsuccessful players.

Knox, who was born in Georgia, stands 5ft 11in, weighs 12st

LEADING FINAL SCORES: 287: K Knox, 66, 71, 80, 70. 288: A Bean, 69, 69, 77, 73; J Mahaffey, 74, 70, 76, 68; C Rose, 70, 73, 72, 73. 289: B Jaeckel 76, 70, 74, 69; 290: T Purtzer 71, 71, 80, 68. British scores: 298: K Brown, 78, 70, 78, 72. 299: S Lyle 78, 67, 79, 75.

OVERSEAS FOOTBALL RESULTS

ARGENTINIAN: Racing (Cordoba) 2, Chacarita Juniors 1; Newell's Old Boys 1, River Plate 1; Velez Sarsfield 0, Independiente 0; Gimnasia Esgrima 2, Argentinos Juniors 2; Deportivo Espanol 1, San Lorenzo 0; Boca Juniors 3, Estudiantes La Plata 1; Ferro Carril Oeste 1, Union 0; Platense 3, Huracan 1; Temperley 1, Instituto 0.
BELGIAN: Waterschei 1, Waregem 0; FC Liege 2, FC Antwerp 3; AA Gent 2, Lokeren 1. Cup: Francs Borains 1, FC Seraing 0; Standard Liege 1, CS Bruges 2.
BULGARIAN: Vitosha 6, Dounav 1; Beroe 1, Sredets 0; Trakia 6, Vratsa 1; Stur 5, Lokomotiv Sofia 1; Spartak Pleven 1, Spartak Varna 1; Akademik 3, Cherno More 0; Slavia 9, Lokomotiv Plovdiv 0; Pirin 1, Sliven 1.
COLOMBIAN: Magdalena 1, Junior 2; Medellin 2, Cali 0; America 3, Nacional 3; Cucuta 1, Santa Fe 1; Quindio 0, Caldas 0; Pereira 3, Tolima 1; Millonarios 3, Bucaramanga 1.
FRENCH: Rennes 2, Nice 0; Toulouse 1, Lille 0; Toulon 1, Nancy 0; Monaco 0, Marseille 0. Postponed: Bastia v Bordeaux; Lens v Auxerre; Sochaux v Paris-St Germain; Nantes v Brest; Metz v Le Havre, Strasbourg v Laval.
GREEK: Aris 2, Panachaiki 0; Ioannina 1, Panionios 1; OFI Crete 0, Apollon 0; Panathinaikos 5, PAOK 0; Panserraikos 2, Doxa Drama 0; Iraklis 3, Olympiakos 1; Ethnikos 1, Kalamaria 1.
HUNGARIAN: Bekescsaba 1, Ferencvaros 1; Budapest Honved 1, Raba Eto 0, Csepel 0, Ujpest Dozsa 0; Vasas 2, Budapest Volan 2, Zalaegerszeg 2, Tatabanya 0; Siofok 0, Szombathely 0; MTK VM 2, Debrecen 1; Videoton 2, Pecs 0. Leading positions: Budapest Honved 23pts; Pecs 25, Zalaegerszeg 23, Videoton 22, MTK VM 22.
ITALIAN: Como 1, Avellino 1; Fiorentina 0, Atalanta 0, Juventus 2, Udinese 1; Lecce 1, Bari 1, AC Milan 1, Verona 1; Napoli 3, Torino 1; Roma 3, Internazionale 1; Sampdoria 3, Pisa 0.
POLISH: Legia Warsaw 1, GKS Katowice 0; Gornik Zabrze 5, Slask Wroclaw 0; Lechia Gdansk 1, Gornik Walbrzych 0; Zaglebie Sosnowiec 1, Motor Lublin 1; Ruch Chorzow 0, Stal Mielec 1; Pogon Szczecin 3, Baltyk Gdynia 0; Widzew Lodz 0, LKS Lodz 0; Lech Poznan 1, Zaglebie Lubin 1.
PORTUGUESE: Guimaraes 5, Braga 3; Porto 5, Belenenses 0; Boavista 2, Sporting 1; Benfica 2, Penafiel 0; Portimonense 2, Salgueiros 0; Covilha 2, Aves 0; Setubal 0, Chaves 1.
SOVIET: Dynamo Tbilisi 1, Dynamo Kiev 1; Dynamo Moscow 3, Zenit Leningrad 4.
SPANISH: Las Palmas 2, Cadiz 2; Barcelona 4, Valladolid 0; Hercules 0, Real Madrid 3; Sevilla 2, Celta 1; Osasuna 1, Real Sociedad 2; Atletico de Madrid 2, Betis 1; Zaragoza 2, Valencia 1; Santander 2, Espanol 2; Athletic de Bilbao 2, Gijon 0.
TURKISH: Galatasaray 0, Fenerbahce 0; Besiktas 2, Sariyer 0; Zonguldakspor 0, Samsunspor 1; Eskisehirspor 4, Kayserispor 0; Orduspor 0, Genclerbirligi 1; Rizespor 1, Malatyaspor 0; Bursaspor 1, Kocaelispor 0; Trabzonspor 0, Altay 0; Sakaryaspor 3, Denizlispor 1.
WEST GERMAN: Fortuna Düsseldorf 2, Borussia Mönchengladbach 0; Bayern Munich 1, Nuremberg 0; Waldhof Mannheim 1, Werder Bremen 1; VfL Bochum 1, Bayer 04 Leverkusen 1; Eintracht Frankfurt 2, Borussia Dortmund 1; Saarbrücken 2, Hannover 96 1; Cologne 2, VfB Stuttgart 1.
YUGOSLAV: Hajduk Split 3, Sutjeska Niksic 1; Buducnost Titograd 0, Pristina 0; Vardar 2, Sarajevo 1; Red Star Belgrade 2, Velez Mostar 2; OFK Belgrade 3, Osijek 0; Sloboda Tuzla 3, Partizan Belgrade 0; Zeleznicar Sarajevo 2, Vojvodina Novi Sad 1; Dinamo Zagreb 1, Celik Zenica 0; Rijeka 2, Dinamo Vinkovci 0. Leading positions: Partizan 27; Red Star 26; Velez 23; Hajduk 20; Dinamo Vinkovci 20; Dinamo Zagreb 19; Pristina 19.

Leading scorers

FIRST DIVISION: Lineker (Everton) 31; Newell (Luton, 19 for Wigan) 22; Dixon (Chelsea) 21; Aldridge (Oxford) 21; McAvennie (West Ham) 20; Rush (Liverpool) 20; Walsh (Liverpool) 18; Harford (Luton) 18; Speedie (Chelsea) 17; Sharp (Everton) 17.
SECOND DIVISION: Drinkell (Norwich) 19; Bertschin (Stoke) 18; Bunn (Hull) 17; Morgan (Portsmouth) 15; Hobson (Grimsby) 16; Lovell (Millwall) 15.
THIRD DIVISION: Clarke (Bournemouth) 24; Walwyn (York) 22; Senior (Reading) 21; Madden (Bury) 20; Davison (Derby) 19.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated
FA CUP: Fifth round: Tottenham v Everton (8.0).
MILK CUP: Semi-final: First leg: Aston Villa v Oxford.
FIRST DIVISION: Postponed: Leicester v Birmingham.
SECOND DIVISION: Bradford v Oldham (at Leeds); Fulham v Charlton; Hull v Shrewsbury; Middlesbrough v Grimsby.
THIRD DIVISION: Bolton v York; Bournemouth v Lincoln; Brentford v Darlington (7.45); Bristol City v Newport (7.45); Cardiff v Rotherham (7.45); Chesterfield v Reading; Doncaster v Blackpool; Gillingham v Plymouth (8.0); Notts County v Bristol Rovers; Walsall v Wigan.
FOURTH DIVISION: Aldershot v Hereford; Colchester v Burnley; Crewe v Scunthorpe; Exeter v Swindon; Halifax v Torquay; Mansfield v Chester; Rochdale v Orient; Wrexham v Northampton.
SCOTTISH CUP: Fourth Round: St Mirren v Falkirk.
SCOTTISH SECOND DIVISION: Arbroath v Albion; Berwick v Stranraer; Stirling Albion v Stenhousemuir. Postponed: Queen of the South v Queens Park.
FA TROPHY: Third round replay: Leek Town v Wycombe.
GOLA LEAGUE: Dartford v Enfield. Bob Lord Trophy: Semi-final: Runcorn v Stafford Fourth round: Barnet v Maidstone.
MULTIPART LEAGUE: Goole v Southport.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Bill Dellow Cup: Third round: Aylesbury v Dudley (at Tring). Semi-final: Second leg: Trowbridge v Chelmsford.
VAUXHALL OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Windsor & Eton v Harrow Borough. First division: Basildon United v Boreham Wood; Leyton Wingate v St Albans City; Maidenhead utd v Harlow Town; Oxford City v Bromley; Tilbury v Lewes. Second division north: Clapton v Cheshunt; Harefield United v Chalfont St Peter; Heybridge Swifts v Hertford Town; Ware v Letchworth GC. Second division south: Bracknell Town v Whyteleafe (7.45); Camberley Town v Newbury Town; Hungerford Town v Egham Town; Southwick v Molesey.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: Everton v Liverpool (7.0).
AC DELCO CUP: Quarter-final: Hayes v Farnborough Town. Quarter-final replays: Hampton v Leatherhead; Uxbridge v Epsom & Ewell. Fourth round replays: Uxbridge v Epsom & Ewell; Hampton v Leatherhead.
ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Witham Town v Coggeshall Town.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Cambridge University v Territorial Army (Grange Road, 2.15).

RUGBY UNION

HOSPITALS CUP: Semi-finals: St Mary's v Guy's (at Richmond)
CLUB MATCHES: Neath v Pontypool (7.0); Tredegar v Pontypridd (7.0).

POOLS FORECAST by Paul Newman

Saturday March 8 unless stated

FA CUP SIXTH ROUND

Not on coupons: Derby or Sheffield Wednesday v West Ham or Manchester United; Peterborough or Brighton v Southampton or Millwall; Liverpool v Watford or Bury; Luton or Arsenal v Tottenham or Everton.

FIRST DIVISION

1 Chelsea v Man C
X Ipswich v Nottm F
X Leicester v Coventry

SECOND DIVISION

X Bradford v Blackburn
1 C Palace v Middlesbro
1 Grimsby v Oldham
2 Leeds v Huddersfld
1 Portsmth v Barnsley
1 Shrewsbry v Fulham
1 Stoke v Hull
X Sunderlnd v Charlton
2 Wimbledon v Norwich

THIRD DIVISION

2 Bolton v Reading
2 Bournemth v Cardiff
1 Bristol R v Plymth
1 Chesterfld v Bristol C
1 Gillingham v Blackpool
1 Newport v Lincoln
1 Walsall v Doncaster
Not on coupons: Darlington v York (Sunday); Swansea v Brentford; Wolves v Rotherham.

FOURTH DIVISION

1 Aldershot v Halifax
2 Burnley v Chester
1 Exeter v Colchester
X Hereford v Nthampton
1 Mansfield v Camb U
1 Preston v Crewe
2 Rochdale v Swindon
X Scunthorpe v Orient
X Wrexham v Port Vale
Not on coupons: Stockport v Torquay (Friday); Tranmere v Southend (Friday).

GOLA LEAGUE

1 Barnet v Dagenham
X Dartford v Scarboro
1 Enfield v Nuneaton
1 Frickley v Wycombe
X Kettering v Weymth
1 Kiddmnstr v Stafford
1 Telford v Maidstone
1 Widstone v Cheltenhm

MULTIPART LEAGUE

2 Bangor v Morecambe
1 Buxton v Caernarfon
1 Gateshead v Sthport
1 Horwich v Matlock
1 Oswestry v Goole
1 Rhyl v Mossley
1 Worksop v Workington

SCOTTISH FA CUP FIFTH ROUND

2 Hibernian v Celtic
Not on coupons: Alloa or Motherwell v Dundee United; Hamilton or Hearts v St Mirren or Falkirk; Dundee v Aberdeen.

SCOTTISH FIRST

X Ayr v Clyde
X East Fife v Forfar
1 Montrose v Morton
X Partick v Dumbarton
Not on coupons: Airdrie v Brechin; Alloa v Falkirk (provisional); Hamilton v Kilmarnock (provisional).

SCOTTISH SECOND

1 Berwick v Albion
1 Dunfermline v Qn's Pk
1 E Stirling v Stenhsmr
1 Meadowbnk v Stirling
1 Q of Sth v Cowdenbth
1 St Johnstone v Raith
2 Stranraer v Arbroath

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Ipswich, Leicester, Bradford, Sunderland, Wimbledon, Hereford, Wrexham, Dartford, Kettering, Ayr, East Fife, Partick.
BEST DRAWS: Leicester, Wrexham, Kettering, East Fife, Partick.
AWAYS: Reading, Chester, Orient, Morecambe, Arbroath.
HOMES: Gillingham, Aldershot, Mansfield, Enfield, Frickley, Kidderminster, Wealdstone, Oswestry, Rhyl, Dunfermline, Queen of the South, St Johnstone.
FIXED ODDS: Homes: Chelsea, Crystal Palace, Gillingham, Aldershot, Mansfield. Aways: Huddersfield, Cardiff, Celtic. Draws: Leicester, East Fife, Partick.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

FA CUP: Fifth round: Postponed: Watford v Bury. Fifth round replay: Postponed: Sheffield Wednesday v Derby; Millwall v Southampton
SCOTTISH CUP: Fourth round: Postponed: St Mirren v Falkirk; Alloa v Motherwell.
MULTIPART LEAGUE: Postponed: Horwich v Mossley; Hyde v Morecambe.
GOLA LEAGUE: Postponed: Kidderminster v Wycombe.
BANGKOK: King's Cup: First round: South Korea 2, Denmark 2; Thailand B 0, North Korea 2.

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RHEINHAUSEN: West German Open: Women's singles final: Y J Kim (S Korea) bt H Troke (Eng) 11-1, 8-11, 12-10. Mixed doubles final: D C Lee and M H Chung (S Korea) bt M Dew and G Gilks (Eng) 10-15, 18-17, 15-9.
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BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-final play-offs, first leg: Birmingham Bullets 86 (Shoulders 31, Hays 20, Branch 17). Portsmouth 92 (Slaughter 33, Dassie 20, Irish 14); Brunel Ducks Uxbridge and Camden 87 (Roberts 26, Kelleybrew 18, Polk 17). Team Polycell Kingston 102 (Bontrager 40, Clark 31, Lloyd 13); Crystal Palace 91 (Jennings 33, Seaman 19, Jeremich 19). Manchester Giants 84 (Kennedy 35, Brookins 26, Scott 10); Walkers Crisps Leicester 96 (Young 42, Vaughan 24, James 14); Sharp Manchester United 92 (T Brown 33, W Brown 18, Jones 16) National Trophy: Semi-final: Calderdale 115, Brixton 89 (Calderdale visit Plymouth in final, March 9).
UNITED STATES: National association (NBA): Boston Celtics 129, Detroit Pistons 109; Washington Bullets 125, Milwaukee Bucks 104; Indiana Pacers 129, Los Angeles Clippers 112.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston Celtics	47	11	.810	–
Philadelphia 76ers	39	21	.650	9
New Jersey Nets	32	30	.516	17
Washington Bullets	29	32	.475	19½
New York Knicks	18	40	.322	28½

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee Bucks	42	19	.689	–
Atlanta Hawks	35	25	.583	6½
Detroit Pistons	36	26	.581	6½
Cleveland Cavaliers	23	36	.390	18
Chicago Bulls	21	40	.344	21
Indiana Pacers	21	40	.344	21

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston Rockets	38	22	.633	–
Denver Nuggets	36	25	.590	2½
Utah Jazz	31	30	.508	7½
Dallas Mavericks	30	29	.508	7½
San Antonio Spurs	30	32	.484	9
Sacramento Kings	27	33	.450	11

Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles Lakers	43	16	.729	–
Portland Trail Blazers	30	34	.469	15½
Phoenix Suns	24	35	.407	19
Los Angeles Clippers	22	38	.367	21½
Seattle SuperSonics	21	38	.356	22
Golden State Warriors	19	43	.306	25½

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Edmonton Oilers 2, Philadelphia Flyers 1 (aet). Washington Capitals 4, New York Rangers 2; Hartford Whalers 4, Boston Bruins 1. Chicago Black Hawks 6, St Louis Blues 4; New Jersey Devils 6, Winnipeg Jets 4. Calgary Flames 5, Los Angeles Kings 1.

Wales Conference

Patrick Division	W	L	T	Pts	F	A
Philadelphia Fl	41	19	4	86	267	195
Washington Cap	39	19	5	83	243	215
New York Is	30	23	10	70	256	231
Pittsburgh Pen	31	26	7	69	260	228
New York Ran	30	29	4	64	223	216
New Jersey Devil	20	39	3	43	233	283

Adams League	W	L	T	Pts	F	A
Montreal Can	35	23	6	76	274	214
Quebec Nord	34	71	4	72	266	238
Boston Bruins	31	27	7	69	259	238
Buffalo Sabres	30	28	6	66	244	231
Hartford Whalers	29	33	2	60	251	253

Campbell Conference

Norris Division	W	L	T	Pts	F	A
Chicago Hawks	33	24	8	74	291	275
St Louis Blues	29	26	8	66	245	237
Minnesota North	28	27	9	65	261	251
Toronto Maple	19	38	6	44	252	308
Detroit Red Wings	13	45	5	31	209	329

Smythe Division	W	L	T	Pts	F	A
Edmonton Oilers	44	14	6	94	336	253
Calgary Flames	32	25	7	71	280	244
Winnipeg Jets	18	35	9	45	217	257
Vancouver Can	19	40	6	44	231	308
Los Angeles Kings	20	38	6	46	230	314

RUGBY UNION

VILLEFRANCE-SUR-SAÔNE: France B 10, Scotland B 12
CLUB MATCH: Cancelled: Newport v Ebbw Vale.

SPEEDSKATING

CALGARY, Alberta: World junior championships: Winners: Men: 1,500m: B Snetkov (USSR), 2min 1.28sec. 5,000m: B Snetkov (USSR), 7 15 89. 3,000m: B Snetkov (USSR), 4:14 34. 500m: A Zimine (USSR), 40.07. Women: 3,000m: M Garbrecht (EG), 4:53.91. 1,000m: L Yuberozova (USSR), 1.27.65.

TENNIS

PRINCETON, New Jersey: US women's indoor: First round (US unless stated): M L Piatek bt N Sodupe 6-4, 6-1, R Reggi (It) bt P Casale 6-3, 6-1, T Phelps (US) bt M V Nostrand 3-6, 6-2, 7-6; A Holikova (Cz) bt C Jolissaint (Switz) 4-6, 6-1, 6-2.

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Sydney: Queensland, 339 and 96-3, drew with New South Wales, 440 (M O Neil 117, M Taylor 89). Perth: South Australia, 432 and 181-8 dec (G Bishop 50), drew with Western Australia, 433-6 dec (M Veletta 107, R Garrell 92, W Andrews 82 n o) and 138 for 8 (G Wood 64 n o, G Small 4-47, J Pyke 4-27).

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BOXING: BRITAIN'S CONTENDER INTO THE LAST STRETCH ON THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP ROAD

Bruno's mettle will be put to test against Coetzee

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

Everybody's money is on Frank Bruno. Fans and experts alike say he just cannot lose to Gerrie Coetzee, of South Africa, in the World Boxing Association heavyweight final eliminator at Wembley tonight.

The ironmonger down the road from my place (he used to be an Ivor "The Engine" Jones supporter) said: "Yes, I've got a couple of pounds on Bruno because he cannot lose. Because Terry Lawless and Mickey Duff are too clever. They would not have taken this fight if Bruno could be beaten. I have seen this Coetzee on the telly fighting Page and that other fellow and this Coetzee is no good at all. Too slow. I think Bruno will *be too fast for him.* And that is saying something."

Coetzee's American trainer, the highly experienced Jack McCoy, laughs at this kind of talk which almost makes the former world champion into a no-hoper. "Sure, Mickey Duff knows his fighters and makes very few mistakes. But it does go wrong sometimes. He went wrong with Palomino when he beat Stracey; and he was wrong about Bruno and Bonecrusher."

McCoy maintains that Bruno's connections are going by Coetzee's last two contests. "Yes, he wasn't good," McCoy says. "He wasn't right for those fights. Against Page his right hand, that had those 15 operations, was giving trouble *and they put five different* shots into him to kill the pain. He was so sedated that he said before the fight 'I don't feel nervous at all'. When he fought Quick Tillis he was not himself. He had had 'flu and his mother had died a little before. Tillis is not a bad fighter to beat. Tillis had Page and Truth Williams on the floor."

McCoy says that there is nothing wrong with Coetzee this time and that the South African will knock out Bruno early. "You know when he fought Dokes he was the underdog but he said to me 'sometime I am going to catch him and when I do ...'. He did in the tenth and turned Dokes over onto his face to win the WBA title."

Another observer, Doug Bidwell, whose heavyweight Glen McCrory has been sparring with Coetzee, concurs. "I can't see Bruno beating Coetzee except on cuts and he does cut," he said. Bidwell, who as Alan Minter's manager worked closely with McCoy has been in attendance on the South African for the past eight days. He has watched Coetzee closely as he sparred with MacCrory. Bidwell maintains that the South African is more than capable of taking care of himself against Bruno. "Coetzee is very well and fit. He is heavy but I was surprised to see how light he is on his feet. He has got a very good left hook and a very fast right hand and good body moves. He had no trouble catching McCrory. I know McCrory is no Bruno but Coetzee wasn't even trying. If Bruno beats Coetzee it will tell us something *else about Bruno. I want* Bruno to win because it will do British boxing good and fill the small holes, but really Coetzee looks too good. I cannot understand the bookmakers making Bruno the favourite. I think Coetzee will surprise everybody and could stop Bruno early."

Bidwell picked up some interesting snippets of conversation that shows that Coetzee is determined to win. "When McCoy says Coetzee is going *to win you know that he is* going to." Bidwell said. "Once, just as I was leaving the South African's hotel and was walking away, I heard Coetzee saying to McCoy 'I really want to beat this Bruno'. McCoy said 'you will, no trouble'."

On boxing ability it is difficult to disagree with McCoy and Bidwell that the South African is a class above Bruno. Coetzee has been in with tough men in the world: he knocked out Leon Spinks in one; he lost to John Tate when they met for the vacant WBA title in 1979; he was knocked out by Mike Weaver in 13 rounds but not before



Riding high: Bruno is the people's favourite against Coetzee

having the American almost out on his feet in the eighth; he lost to Renaldo Snipes on a split decision after flooring the American twice; he drew with the present WBC champion, Pinklon Thomas, in 1983; then came the Dokes knockout which gave him the title, which he lost to Page in 1984 in the controversial eighth round that lasted 3min 50sec.

With all this experience Coetzee must be able to land at least two solid shots on Bruno's chin, the kind that took Bidwell's breath away when sparring with McCrory in London recently. How Bruno copes with that situation will tell us whether he is capable of going further down the championship road. If our man becomes paralysed, as against Cummings and Bonecrusher, the South African will have little trouble in finishing him off.

If there is in fact nothing the matter with Coetzee and he is fit to go the distance and is keen to win as McCoy says: "because he wants to live in America and wants to be a part of the big tournament coming up to find the undisputed world champion" and can recapture some of his old fire, Bidwell and McCoy may well be right that he will win.

However it is equally hard to see how, with £5 million resting on Bruno's next contest with the world champion, Tim Witherspoon, Bruno's backers, who are the *shrewdest in the game, could* have made a mistake by putting him in too early with someone who could set his career back severely. Either they know something about Coetzee's form that others do not or they have made a bad mistake in trying to take a short cut to a world title bout by taking on the world number one in this heavyweight final eliminator.

Ring records

GERRIE COETZEE
Born: 4 August, 1955
Height: 6ft 3in

10 LATEST BOUTS

1981
Mar. 14 George Chaplin W pts 10
Aug. 9 Renaldo Snipes L pts 10
Oct. 31 Leroy Caldwell ... W KO 5
1982
Feb. 13 Fossie Schmidt . W KO 4
May 5 Scott Le Doux ... W KO 8
Sept. 11 Stan Ward ..... W KO 2
1983
Jan. 22 Pinklon Thomas L dec 10
Sept. 23 Michael Dokes W KO 10
(Won WBA heavyweight title)
1984
Dec. 1 Greg Page ..... L KO 8
(Lost WBA heavyweight title)
1985
Sept. 7 James Tillis ..... W pts 10
Career: Won 30, Drew 1, Lost 4

FRANK BRUNO
Born: 16 November, 1961
Height: 6ft 3in

10 LATEST BOUTS

1983
Nov. 11 Floyd Cummings W rsf 7
Dec. 6 Walt Santemore W KO 4
1984
Mar. 13 Juan Figueroa ... W KO 1
May 13 James Smith ..... L KO 10
Sept. 25 Ken Lakusta ..... W KO 2
Nov. 6 Jeff Jordan ..... W rsf 3
Nov. 27 Phil Brown ..... W pts 10
1985
Mar. 26 Lucien Rodriguez W rsf 1
Nov. 1 Anders Eklund .. W KO 4
European heavyweight title)
Dec. 4 Larry Frazier ..... W KO 2
Career: Won 27, Lost 1

CRICKET: ITINERARY OFFERS NO LET-UP

England's players must not look for excuses

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Port-of-Spain

Believing, or at least hoping, that their form and fortunes can only get better, England meet West Indies for another one-day international here today. This will be followed on Friday by the second Test match, sponsored by Cable and Wireless. From now until the end of the tour the only relief from playing against the full force of the West Indian attack will come against Barbados in 10 days' time, and even they can put into the field, when they choose to, a team of Test strength.

To say how acutely disappointing the tour has been so far, from England's point of view, is hardly necessary. In my experience there has not been another quite like it, particularly as hopes were so high at the start. That dangerous stage has now been reached when the players will be tempted to fall back on excuses rather than work on improvements.

It would be a help if Gower, as captain, were not so confoundedly casual in the way he comes in and gets out. Having had no time yet to catch this mood, Slack looked in a class of his own against Trinidad on Sunday. He is obviously not that or anything like it, but to say that it appeared that way may give an idea of how urgent the need is for a really concerted effort, not to look for a brighter side. The rules for one-day cricket being as they are, there will be less short-pitched bowling today than in the Test matches. If nothing else, this should make it a less hazardous game for England's batsmen. It is a great relief, too, to have got away from Sabina Park where the only side to have reached a total of 250 this season was West Indies in the first Test match. The pitch for today will be better than that. It has had the grass taken off it, unlike the one for the Trinidad match or, more ominously, for Friday's Test.

If the weather is overcast, as it usually is for a part of the day here at this time of year, England's method of bowling, especially Ellison's, could be effective, provided they pitch the ball up. There is also a theory in the English camp that the ball may turn, though I doubt whether that would count for a lot. What the ground authorities are aiming for is a pitch which is the same for both sides and good for batting throughout the day.

What should almost certainly be England's game is the loss to West Indies of Dujon, who has chipped the top joint of the little finger of his left hand. Although he may yet play on Friday, he is *unlikely to risk* the injury today. His accomplished innings of 54 finally shut England out of the first Test match, and although not quite in the top flight as a wicketkeeper he misses very little standing back to the fast bowlers.

No more than 1,000 people, all told, can have watched the match against Trinidad. That the attendance was affected by the clamour for a boycott is not in doubt, though we shall get a better idea today of the full extent to which the public are staying away. Trinidad's present economic difficulties may also partly have accounted for their being so few at last weekend's game.

Probably the best that can be hoped for today is a crowd of *10,000 (in favourable circum*stances it might be double that) and perhaps a half-full ground for the first two days of the Test match. There were, in fact, fewer for the first Test match here on England's last tour, when there was also a small boycott, canvassed because of Deryck *Murray's omission from* the West Indian side. What the undecided may find irresistible this time is the likelihood of a couple of West Indian victories. Off the field, as well as on it, there is this battle of wills.

At yesterday's practice Gower had a session with "Fred" the *bowling machine, operated by* Bob Willis, the assistant manager, who is getting rather good at it. The purpose was to get Gower working on what, or what not, to play at outside his off stump. The fact that Robinson was missing from the practise with an upset stomach improved Slack's chances, as it were, of being thrown to the lions today.

Day of rain

Christchurch (AP) — Only 94 minutes of play, either side of lunch, was possible on the fourth day of the second Test between New Zealand and Australia here yesterday and the game is now likely to end in a draw. Light rain throughout the morning delayed the start.

AUSTRALIA: First Innings 364 (A R Border 140, S R Waugh 74, R J Hadlee 7 for 116)
Second Innings
D C Boon c Coney b Troup 6
G R Marsh lbw b Bracewell 15
†W B Phillips not out 11
*A R Border not out 15
Extras (lb 2) 2
Total (2 wkts) 49
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-32.
BOWLING: Hadlee 11-3-13-0; Troup 2-0-13-1; Chatfield 6-3-7-0; Bracewell 5-3-14-1.
NEW ZEALAND: First Innings 339 (M D Crowe 137, J V Coney 98; S R Waugh 4 for 56, B A Reid 4 for 90).

ENGLAND XI: First Innings 229 (R T Robinson 78; A H Gray 5 for 50) and 101 for 4 dec
TRINIDAD: First Innings 109 (N A Foster 6 for 54)
Second Innings
P V Simmons c Gooch b Foster 6
M Richardson c Gooch b Taylor 1
N Gomez c Slack b Edmonds 39
A Rajah not out 55
D I Mohammed c Foster b Willey 5
M Bodoo not out 0
Extras (b 1, lb 6, w 1, nb 2) 10
Total (4 wkts) 116
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-10, 3-90, 4-112.
BOWLING: Foster 7-3-16-1; Taylor 9-1-31-1; Emburey 9-1-23-0; Edmonds 9-1-29-1; Willey 5-1-10-1.

Blowing whistle on England

To spend one's first day in any new country is to shatter a cluster of preconceptions; but to arrive in Trinidad was like missing a step in the dark. For a start, England were whipping a West Indian side: when play ended on Saturday, Trinidad were 92 for eight and Foster had five wickets.

However, the shock went beyond even this. I had always believed that the West Indians were cricket fanatics. So they are; but when Foster was bowling his ever-so-English seamers, he was bowling to an empty ground. One might have been back watching the clandestine rituals of the county championship.

What is more, I had always believed that West Indian cricket matches take place against a terrifying background of noise. I have watched the West Indies play at The Oval: I know what to expect, I thought. What I did not expect was silence. Foster may have silenced the few who turned up to watch; but it was guilt that silenced the rest.

There were crowd noises, but these came from outside the ground: a cacophony of hooting and whistling. Along the street they blew their whistles, shouted, and implored passing motorists from placards: hoot if you hate apartheid! And poop-poop they replied. And, though they may listen to the cricket on their transistors, the Trinidadians will not go to the cricket to watch England.

This may well have changed when the international matches start, but many feel it would be an act of betrayal.

The Trinidadians believe that watching any cricket side full of South African rebels is supporting apartheid. This is not mere mischief-making. True, the political implications for international cricket do not turn on such basic gut instincts and those have, so far, kept the Trinidadians from the cricket. But the people staying away are not staying away because they are trouble-makers. They are staying away because they hate apartheid. To the last, at least, there is but one response. Poop-poop!

Simon Barnes

Caribbean leave

Andrew Strong, the transfer-listed Middlesbrough full back, has had his contract cancelled by mutual consent so that he can join his fiancee, who is working in the West Indies.

Ballesteros out

Savannah, Georgia (AP) — Severiano Ballesteros has withdrawn from the TPA Atlantic Coast golf tournament, which starts today.

Multi-racialism does not mean equality for black boxers in South Africa

Body blows from reformers still not enough

Johannesburg

With an appetite for international sporting achievement *made all the keener by their* country's growing isolation, millions of South Africans will tonight be glued to their television sets for the Coetzee-Bruno encounter.

"Gerrie Camp Hits Back At Critics" was the headline splashed across the *Johannesburg Citizen* newspaper yesterday - and that was on the front page.

This patriotic fervour is confined, it must be added, to white South Africans. As for the far bigger legion of black boxing followers they will be rooting almost to a man for Bruno. Or else they will not even be aware that the bout is taking place.

For while apartheid in boxing is reeling from a barrage of body blows, it stubbornly refuses to throw in the towel. Significant progress has been made in uniting professional boxing, but the year and a half of turbulence in the black townships has *reversed some of the advances* already under way.

The continued support by the World Boxing Association (WBA) for South African boxing - they even has a South African on their executive - stems from their leader's regular visits here, convincing them that boxing is indeed multi-racial. It is. But it is not equal, even for the professionals.

"Getting more fights is the vital ingredient to reach the top," Marcus Nkosi, a black boxing promoter, points out. "And black boxers simply don't get enough action." They depend largely on black promoters like himself who in turn face an uphill battle to attract predominantly white-owned companies as sponsors. The result is that white promoters, who predominate, can arrange far more fights, far more profitably.

Black boxing promoters believe white businessmen are now *starting to realize that burgeon*ing black buying power will make sponsorship of black bouts and boxers a lucrative prospect. Nevertheless, black boxing observers all claim that white talent is being nurtured gently towards the top while blacks have to rely on pure boxing skill and luck.

Take the rise of Arthur "The Black Prince" Mayisela, who was contemptuously ignored by the boxing establishment as it lavished its attention on the white hopeful, Brian Baronet.

The two boxers eventually met late last year in Sun City. "I don't think I've ever been to a multi-racial boxing tournament in this country where racist remarks have been absent," wrote the boxing correspondent of the anti-government *Weekly Mail* newspaper. "But the racial element was never more evident than in this fight."

The unrated black boxer won *easily, leaving the white man,* No 4 on the WBA rankings, unconscious on the canvas for more than a minute.

The bout had gone on despite the tragic outcome to the previous contest in which Jacob "Dancing Shoes" Morake had been battered into a coma by a young white boxer, Brian Mitchell. As attendants vainly gave Morake an oxygen mask, the crowd was asked by the ring announcer to give a big hand for the loser, and he then asked them to cheer the Australian cricket rebels in the crowd. "'Dancing Shoes' was carted out like a fallen gladiator on his shield, and in no time two more gladiators entered as if nothing extraordinary had happened," *the Weekly Mail* wrote.

It would be unfair to pillory South African boxing on one exhibition of appalling taste. But many black boxing experts and the boxing public believe the *events of that night typified* official insensitivity towards black boxers

They point out that, unlike every other sport, the controlling body of professional boxing is not fully independent from government interference. A government minister selects each member of the boards from two names submitted by the boards themselves.

All in all, the claim by South Africa's WBA executive member Mike Mortimer that tonight's Coetzee-Bruno bout, continuing despite anti-apart*heid protest, is "a victory for* fairness and for all our boxers black and white," may ring somewhat hollowly in the empty boxing halls of the black townships.

Paul Martin

ATHLETICS

Sprinters are a world apart

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

Allan Wells and Mike *McFarlane* were inseparable when they finished the last Commonwealth Games, winning a gold medal each after they had dead-heated in the 200 metres final. But they will be separated by thousands of miles when the festivities for this year's Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh start next month.

For Wells is running the first leg of a relay, sponsored by the Distillers company, which will take a scroll — signed in Edinburgh yesterday — throughout the 58 countries of the Commonwealth, and McFarlane is doing the last leg.

The two sprinters, along with Linsey Macdonald, who like them has had a long saga of injuries since her emergence as a 16-year-old in the 1980 Olympics, were in Edinburgh yesterday for the official *announcement of the Distillers* Commonwealth Friendship Journey. The first leg will start on April 24 from Edinburgh's Meadowbank Stadium, the venue for the athletics in this year's Games. Wells will run, "or possibly walk" what for him is the marathon distance of two miles to Edinburgh Castle.

The scroll will be flown to Australia, New Zealand and Fiji but the final part of the journey will take place in the United Kingdom with Mary Peters from Northern Ireland handing the scroll to Lynn Davies for Wales, who will then pass it on to McFarlane, who is expected to return it to Edinburgh on July 10, two weeks before the Games begin.

Ken Borthwick, chairman of the Commonwealth Games organizing committee said that sponsorship was well on the way to the £12.8 million necessary for the Games to break even. Unfortunately the 1,000 seat reduction imposed on Meadowbank Stadium, under the safety measures proposed in the Popplewell Report, means not only a loss of £56,000 revenue but embarrassment because of the huge demand for tickets which will have to go unfulfilled.

Winning team

Miami (AP) — Bob Wollek, of *France, and Paola Barilla,* of Italy, won the Grand Prix of Miami, completing 128 laps on a 1.87-mile street course in a Porsche 962 and finishing 28.974sec ahead of Danny Sullivan and Drake Olson, of the United States.

TENNIS

Chance to move out of an orbit

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

During the five weeks from April 14 to May 18 the glamour of the international tour will be concentrated in Amelia Island (Florida), Indianapolis, Forest Hills, Monte Carlo, Berlin and Rome. These will be faraway places, somewhere in dreamland, for the eager young men and women competing at the same time on an English circuit co-ordinated by the Lawn Tennis Association.

Everyone has to start somewhere. This LTA series comes into the lowest international categories for men and women, but competitors will at least have precarious footholds on the bottom of the ladder. They will be playing for meagre rewards in terms of money and ranking points and the competition will be tough. Most of the players will find it hard to make ends meet. But they will learn much in this gruelling training school and a few will graduate to the big league — either by winning consistently and thus improving their rankings, or by doing just enough to earn a wild card place in some tournament offering more money and more ranking points.

That chance to break out of the satellite orbit, to visualize their dreams in greater clarity, will fire the endeavours of the young - plus some older players anxious to arrest a slide to obscurity - during this English spring.

There will be no celebrities on the LTA circuit. The quality of the tennis will be modest. But the competition will be red-blooded because every match won will be a small step towards Forest Hills, Berlin and the rest.

The venues for the mini-wars will be Hampstead (the annual British Home Stores Tournament, April 15 to 19), Queen's Club (April 22 to 26), Sutton (April 29 to May 3), Bournemouth (May 6 to 10) and Leeon-Solent (May 13 to 17). These events will be preceded not only by qualifying rounds, but also by pre-qualifying tournaments at Bristol (the BMW Tournament, April 5 to 12), Norwich (April 14-19), Telford (April 21 to 26), West Worthing (April 28 to May 3) and Peterborough (May 5 to 10).

In tennis, as in mountaineering, the upper slopes of Everest are an awfully long way from Kathmandu. But high places, for those who can reach them, always repay the sweat and aching rigour of the climb.

Nystrom too good for Noah

La Quinta, California. (Reuter) — Joakim Nystrom, of Sweden, the fifth seed, outclassed a listless Yannick Noah, of France, 6-1, 6-3, 6-2, on Sunday to win the $405,000 (£270,000) La Quinta Classic tournament in 1hr 41min.

After breaking the service of Noah, ranked seventh in the world, in the second and fourth game of the first set, Nystrom raced to a 5-0 lead, dominating with brilliant passing shots *while the Frenchman* lunged helplessly, and took the set in only 30 minutes.

Nystrom, ranked ninth in the world, did not lose a point on hisserve in the second set, while Noah struggled with his usually-fierce first serve and came in on weak approach shots which made him an easy target for passing shots. Nystrom, who was rarely made to display his excellent return of serve, won the set 6-3 with a brilliant forehand crosscourt passing shot at full stretch.

Noah discovered only as he walked on court that the match was the best of five sets and it seemed to deflate both his physical and mental resolve. All theprevious rounds had been the best of three.

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ROWING

Trembling in the role of favourites

By Jim Railton

Ever since the Boat Race sponsors, Ladbrokes, made Cambridge favourites for this year's race, the pressure has been telling on the Light Blues, who have hardly found the cold snap to their liking either.

The latest among their walking wounded is John Pritchard, their Olympic and world silver medal winner, who has a viral infection. Over the weekend at Kingston, Cambridge borrowed Goldie's Downing oarsman, Charlie Green and Cambridge's non-rowing president, Quintus Travis was even pressed into service.

Cambridge can ill-afford many more mishaps with less than a month to the Boat Race on March 29 (3.15). While Oxford undergo a metamorphosis this weekend and defend the Reading Head of the River race, rowing as Isis, Cambridge face an important trial on the Tideway against the ambitious British Lightweight eight designate, who roughed up Oxford not so long ago.

Oxford arrived on the Tideway on Saturday just in time to glimpse Cambridge running off to Kingston to seek kinder water. Daniel Topolski was somewhat amused. "All they have to do is row round a bend or two. The water is as flat as a pancake," the Oxford coach said. The point was, however, that the Tideway during the week had driven Cambridge round the bend.

Topolski initially had his own problems on Saturday, Oxford being defeated by a good half-length by a respectable Thames Rowing Club eight in a race between Hammersmith and Putney Bridges before shaking off their complacency in a series of seven-minute rows during which they were able to notch up three lengths and more to their credit.

Neil Campbell, Cambridge's Canadian coach, who flew back yesterday to even colder climes in Ontario, will be back to assist his crew's final week on the Tideway before the Boat Race. Oxford, in the meantime, can be found on the picturesque reaches of the Thames and Pangebourn under their coach, Steve Royle.

OXFORD: M R Dunstan (St Olave's, Orpington and Worcester), bow; G R Screaton (Magdalen College School and Merton); A D Ward (King's, Chester and Oriel), D H M MacDonald (Morrison's Academy and Mansfield), *B M Philp* (Bryanston, Downing and Worcester); C H Clark (California University and University College), G Livingston (California University and Oriel); *A M S Thomas (Winchester and Pembroke), stroke; A S* Green (Haberdashers' Aske's and Christ Church), cox.
CAMBRIDGE: I R Clarke (Stourport HS and Fitzwilliam), bow; M Wilson (Princeton University and Trinity); *J D Hughes* (Bedford Modern and Downing), *J M* Pritchard (St Clement Dane's and Robinson); J P L Ziedler (Haileybury and Pembroke); *P H Broughton* (Kelly College, Southampton University and Magdalene); E A F Gibson (Queen's University, Ontario and Churchill); *J S Pew* (Stanford University and Trinity), stroke; C A Burton (Alice Ottley and Fitzwilliam), cox
* A Blue

RUGBY LEAGUE

Salford lay on carpet exhibition

By Keith Macklin

Salford, who are planning to lay an artificial pitch at the end of the season, will play Widnes *on such a surface in an ex*hibition match at the Luton Town football ground.

Salford, who were promoted to the first division this season, have ambitious plans for a multi-sports stadium with a centrepiece of artificial turf like the Kenilworth Road carpet.

Widnes have already announced a similar scheme, and the two clubs have joined forces to play each other in an exhibition match in April or May.

John Wilkinson, the Salford chairman, said yesterday: "If we can lay the ideal surface, we can open up our ground at The Willows to a host of other sports like football, cricket and bowling. We will develop our dressing room, grandstand and other sporting facilities at the same time, and we envisage a scheme whose total cost will be around £750,000.

"We have promises of private finance and have a good relationship with the local authority, with the possibility of financial support from them, particularly if the stadium is made available for community use."

Mr Wilkinson and the Salford commercial manager, David Tarry, will visit Kenilworth Road on Thursday to talk to Luton officials and examine the artificial turf.

● Widnes have placed their hooker Ian Gormley, grandson *of the former miners'* leader, Lord Gormley, on the transfer list.

ICE HOCKEY

Brawling players get just deserts

By a Correspondent

Nottingham and Ayr fought it out on Saturday and received the most penalties ever awarded for one incident in the Heineken League, and Peterborough, who lie at the bottom of the premier division, set a record for ineptitude on Sunday.

Nottingham has become a battleground this season. In January their match with Murrayfield was abandoned after a series of on-ice battles. Saturday's fight night arose from one incident in the third period. As the Ayr goalkeeper, John McCrone, fell on the puck, a Nottingham forward, Jim Keyes, skated in to try to gain possession, but all he received was a stick across the back. That was the opening bell for both teams to leave their benches and begin to brawl.

The referee, Ken Bullock, sent the teams off for 20 minutes while he worked out the penalties. He assessed 24 penalties, including nine match penalties, five game misconducts and six majors.

Nottingham's share added up to 100min and Ayr's was 128min, a total of 3hr 48min in in a 60-minute game.

All was calm when the final 13 minutes got under way. There was no more fighting, no more penalties and no more scoring, and the Panthers won 4-2.

Peterborough would be grateful for a win, because the Pirates have managed to pick up just one point in 27 games. Their 11-3 loss at Streatham was their 21st defeat in succession, surpassing the mark set by Southampton last season.

Peterborough's latest high spot was their promotion last season, but they look destined to follow Southampton and go straight back to the first division. Solihull, who look like winning promotion from division one, had better take heed.

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Cleveland Bombers 4, Fife Flyers 14; Cleveland Bombers 13, Ayr Bruins 7; Dundee Rockets 12, Nottingham Panthers 3; Durham Wasps 9, Dundee Rockets 2; Durham Wasps 9, Murrayfield Racers 7; Nottingham Panthers 4, Ayr Bruins 2; Peterborough Pirates 3, Whitley Warriors 9; Streatham Redskins 11, Peterborough Pirates 3; Whitley Warriors 2, Fife Flyers 7. First division: Altrincham Aces 10, Southampton Vikings 3; Crowtree Chiefs 21, Blackpool Seagulls 9; Lee Valley Lions 19, Sheffield Blades 6; Oxford City Stars 2, Lee Valley Lions 14; Richmond Flyers 0, Solihull Barons 14.
CHALLENGE MATCH: Telford Tigers 9, Toronto Eagles (Can) 9.

Gold on ice

Sapporo (AP) — The South Korean speed skater Bae Ki-tae beat Akira Kuroiwa of Japan by 0.45sec in the men's 1,000m yesterday as he and a Chinese woman skater ended Japan's gold medal monopoly in the first Winter Asian Games. Wang Xiuli of China won the women's 1,000m, in which Seiko Hashimoto of Japan fell on the second turn.

Turner cash flow

*Mike Turner, the secretary-*manager of Leicestershire County Cricket Club, received £46,300 from his testimonial last season. Turner, who has guided the side since 1969 through their most successful period, said: "The response has been fantastic considering that the four testimonial matches I had organized were all washed out."

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SNOOKER

Davis sees White as biggest threat

By Sydney Friskin

Steve Davis considers Jimmy White to be his main rival for the world title which Davis is aiming to regain. White has beaten him twice this season – in the Mercantile Credit Classic and the Benson and Hedges Masters tournament – and they could meet again in the quarter-finals of the world championship, starting in Sheffield on April 19.

"This will be a tough game, a real war and whoever wins could take the world title," Davis said after defeating Willie Thorne 12-7, in the Dulux British Open final at Derby on Sunday. White is taking part in the Benson and Hedges Irish Masters tournament at Goffs, Co. Kildare, from April 8 to 13, whereas Davis is not. He will, however, be at Bournemouth to captain England in the World Team Championship from March 20 to 23.

Davis left London by air yesterday morning for a tour of Muscat and Hong Kong along with three other members of the Romford Matchroom team – Dennis Taylor, Terry Griffiths and Tony Meo. The fifth member, Willie Thorne, stayed at home because of business commitments.

The four men will play a few exhibition matches in Muscat, where the game is rapidly gaining popularity, and go on to Hong Kong for more exhibition matches and a promotion campaign.

BASKETBALL

Leicester's delight and dread

By Nicholas Harling

A Wembley place later this month beckons for Walkers Crisps Leicester, a club which will go out of existence unless it finds itself a new sponsor for next season.

The curious state of affairs was confirmed at the weekend by the club's chairman, Chris Worcester, after Leicester had surprised the new first division champions, Sharp Manchester United, by winning the first leg of their quarter-final play-off 96-92.

Walkers are not renewing their two-year £70,000 annual sponsorship, which had been preceded by two years' support from Planters, a subsidiary company in the Nabisco group. "If we don't attract a new sponsor we won't be in the National League next season. It's as simple as that," Worcester said.

Sponsorship is needed to purchase and pay American players without whom Leicester would have no intention of carrying on, even though they have three England internationals in their squad. "We won't play with just an England team. That is not fair to the public, the players or anyone," Worcester explained.

Leicester are one of many clubs envying the kind of sponsorship financing the two top clubs, United and Team Polycell Kingston, not to mention that recently renewed by HomeSpare for struggling Bolton.

"It's a relatively expensive sport to compete in, especially the first division, and obviously there is money about," Worcester said. "But we feel we should be attractive to sponsors who want to get in nationally."

That is certainly true since Leicester, who reached the national championship play-off finals at Wembley last year, are poised to do so again. Yet, since Ind Coope have just announced that they will not succeed Walkers as Leicester's sponsor, Worcester is left ruing the fact that a club whose nucleus is based around local players, may follow Doncaster out of the league.

Leicester go into tonight's second leg against United at Stretford with the advantage, chiefly because United, themselves comeback specialists, squandered a 13-point lead after five minutes of the second half. With the scores level at 92-92, the champions might still have won had Gardner not missed two shots in the last half minute.

Each time, Leicester grabbed the rebounds with first Vaughan and then James sinking the vital baskets. It was United's first defeat in 21 domestic fixtures.

Birmingham Bullets were another team to waste a lead, in their case one of 52-42 at half-time against **Portsmouth**, who won 92-86 with Slaughter (33 points) sinking two baskets in the final 10 seconds. Colin Wood, Birmingham's assistant coach, has taken over on a temporary basis since Art Ross is recovering from bronchial pneumonia back home in Clearwater, Florida. Ross collapsed after last week's game with **Brunel Ducks Uxbridge and Camden.**

Uxbridge found the power of Kingston too great and capitulated 102-87 at home with Bontrager (40) and Clark (31) maintaining their irresistible form for the visitors, who stage the return leg on Thursday.

The other game that night is between **Manchester Giants** and **Crystal Palace**, who won Saturday's first leg 91-84 with Jennings (33) excelling himself again.

Calderdale, who have been promoted to the first division with Derby, stand on the threshold of a double. They beat **Brixton** 115-89 in the semi-final of the National Trophy on Saturday and visit Plymouth in the final next Sunday.

RACING: AMBITIOUS PLAN FOR ELSWORTH'S CRACK NOVICE



Desert Orchid shows the jumping prowess that has made him one of the season's leading novices

Champion chance for Desert Orchid

By Phil McLennan

David Elsworth may run his crack novice, Desert Orchid, in the Queen Mother Champion Chase at the Cheltenham Festival. The Whitsbury trainer's exciting grey is also in the Arkle Challenge Trophy, but at present Elsworth slightly favours taking on Badsworth Boy, Bobsline and Very Promising in the two-mile championship.

"It depends on the number of runners but the Champion Chase often cuts up," Elsworth said. "He's not at his best on a left-hand track, but there's nothing else for him at this time of the season."

The stable's Gold Cup hope, Combs Ditch, will have been inconvenienced less than most by the freeze and his enforced seven-week lay-off could work in his favour. "He's at his best when fresh and has won first time out for the last two seasons," Elsworth said.

Robin Wonder, the 100-1 runner-up in last year's Champion Hurdle, may miss the blue riband event this time and go instead for either the Wiareford Crystal Stayers' Hurdle or the County Hurdle.

Other stable probables include Fandango Light (Waterford Crystal Supreme Novices' Hurdle), The Footman (Triumph Hurdle) and Easter Festival, who would run in the Sun Alliance Hurdle if surviving the ballot.

Josh Gifford, still chasing that elusive first Festival success as a trainer, will have a numerically strong hand with Jim Joel's highly-promising Midnight Count leading the Findon challenge in the Sun Alliance Hurdle.

With Door Latch sidestepping Cheltenham for the Grand National, You're Welcome will represent Gifford in the Gold Cup and other definite runners are Our Fun (Champion Chase), Captain Dawn (Grand Annual), Simon Legree (Mildmay of Flete) and Greenwood Lad (Kim Muir).

Among Midnight Count's principal rivals in the Sun Alliance Hurdle will be Ibn Majed, who has looked one of the season's leading juveniles in winning at Uttoxeter, Doncaster and Ascot. Chuck Spares's stayer has not run since early January, but should lack nothing in fitness after working on Yarmouth sands.

Another less fashionable trainer with a realistic chance of success is Don Lee whose progressive chaser, Misty Spirit, looks attractively-weighted on 10st 9lb in the Ritz Club Chase. The winner of four races this season, including the Cheltenham event in which Dawn Run fell, Misty Spirit has not been idle during the cold spell as Lee has had sufficient quantities of snow on top of the frozen ground to keep his stable star on the move.

Other northern trainer mounting one-horse raids include Donald McCain, who saddles Honeygrove Banker in the Supreme Novices' Hurdle, and Sally Hall, who runs her talented novice chaser, Cool Decision, in the Arkle Trophy.

The Queen Mother's Insular could be among Honeygrove Banker's opponents, but, if the weather relents in time, Ian Balding is more likely to send the versatile six-year-old to Sandown Park on Saturday for the Imperial Cup.

Restart unlikely before Friday

Despite the promised thaw, racing in this country is unlikely to resume before Friday. Bangor's meeting scheduled for tomorrow has been abandoned because of frost. This brings the total number of meetings lost this season to 110. Tomorrow's other meeting, at Catterick, is also in doubt. Stewards will inspect the track at 9.30 this morning. A course spokesman said: "Although a thaw is forecast, it will have to be a rapid one for us to have a chance."

There will be a 2.0 inspection at Wincanton tomorrow afternoon to see if Thursday's meeting can go ahead. The clerk of the course, Michael Meredith, said: "The course is frozen solid at the moment and it's long odds against racing."

Stratford, where Thursday's other meeting is due to take place, have called for a 12.0 inspection tomorrow. Prospects there are also described as remote.

Yesterday's meeting at Leopardstown was abandoned after an inspection because of frost, but the card will be run today. The planned meeting at Tipperary has been abandoned because the course is frostbound.

O'Neill to test Dawn Run in racecourse school

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

It is long odds-on that John O'Neill will be the partner of Dawn Run in the Gold Cup, but according to Paddy Mullins, her trainer, the Cheltenham booking will only be confirmed after he has ridden her in a school in Ireland this week.

There is just a possibility that this gallop will be held after racing at Leopardstown this afternoon, but Mullins said yesterday: "I would only bring her up to Dublin if there was substantial rain overnight. The reported going at the moment is good to firm and I would not like to risk her on that surface so near to the big race".

If there is no break in the weather overnight it is Mullins' intention to seek the permission of the Leopardstown executives to bring her there later in the week.

Those who discard Dawn Run as a potential Gold Cup winner on the score that she is "just a four race novice" are flying in the face of an historical precedent. Thirty four years ago another novice belonging to a distinguished lady owner, Dorothy Paget's Mont Tremblant, came to the Gold Cup with precisely the same amount of experience. He, too, had been beaten in one of his four previous races over fences but notwithstanding this limitation, he was still good enough to win handsomely.

Greasepaint, who managed a last-gasp qualifying win for this year's Grand National, reappears at Leopardstown this afternoon – where yesterday's card has been carried over to today – in the Foxrock Cup, a two and a half mile handicap chase.

With Dermot Weld planning to have Greasepaint at his peak in a month's time, he is likely to be short of a gallop and the same remark may apply to the top weight and fellow Aintree hopeful, Kilkilowen.

In this event a year ago Larry's Latest and Dudie were placed behind Bobsline and at the revised weights Dudie is now 11lb better off with Larry's Latest for a beating of eight lengths. At Gowran Park in the middle of February, DUDIE stayed on well to finish fourth to Another Brownie and could turn up here at a nice price.

As a starter to an afternoon when he is strongly represented through the programme Mullins and his son, Tony, could win the Cabinteely Five-Year-Old Maiden Hurdle with NOIR SHOON, whom is competing over jumps for the first time, but who has some useful Flat race form.

The stewards at the last meeting here held a protracted enquiry into the riding of Willie Mullins on KISSANE. This well-backed runner had come from an impossible position to finish third to Larchmont and Mullins in his defence offered the explanation that he had been told to ride the horse in a very different manner than previously, holding him up for a late effort. The stewards "noted" the excuse and if Mullins can time his effort a bit better he could touch off The West Awake in the Rockbrook Amateur Riders' Maiden Flat Race.

Several of today's probables hold Cheltenham engagements, including Galmoy and Banker's Benefit, who head the weights in the Firmount Handicap Hurdle. BANKER'S BENEFIT has proved a prolific race winner for John Fowler and over this distance could prove too good for Galmoy at a difference of 7lb.

Galmoy's stablemate, DROMOLAND'S LAD, has been given 10st 11lb in the County Hurdle and if that is a realistic assessment he could step up on his effort of 12 months ago when he lost the Hillcrest Hurdle by a short head to the odds-on favourite, Hearns Hotel.

LEOPARDSTOWN

Going: good to firm

2.30 CABINTEELY 5-Y-O MAIDEN HURDLE (£1035: 2m) (16 runners)

1	400	BOLDINO P D McCreery 11 12	P McCormack (3)
2	003	FINE SLAVE T W Nicholson 11 12	P P Kinane (7)
3	000	FOUR TRIX J R Cox 11 12	J Short
4	15	FRIENDLY SAINT C Kinane 11 12	T Kinane
5	014	NOIR SHOON P Mullins 11 12	A Mullins
6	000	POWER LOON N Meade 11 12	P Leech
7	000	TUBBERBUNJAY D McDonogh 11 12	H Rogers
8	000	AMBER JACK Mrs P Duggan 11 4	Mr P Duggan (7)
9	0	DIAMOND SEA Ms J Morgan 11 4	T McGivern
10	003	GOLDEN WINGS Ruby Walsh 11 4	B Sheridan
11	000	HILLCASTLE D Day 11 4	Mr R Day (7)
12	0P0	PAULA'S EMPRESS T Carberry 11 4	F Berry
13	000	ROYAL RECORD D T Hughes 11 4	T Morgan
14	00P	STRUELL ROYALE J Macauley 11 4	P J Gillespie (7)
15	04	THINKING CAP A Moore 11 4	T J Taaffe
16	00	RATHLINE T O'Neill 11 1	T O'Neill (3)

5-2 Four Trix, 3-1 Noir Shoon, 9-2 Friendly Saint, 6-1 Thinking Cap, 8-1 Fine Slave, 10-1 Boldino, Golden Wings, 14-1 others.

Leopardstown selections

2.30 Noir Shoon. 3.0 Larry's Bottle. 3.30 Dromoland Lad. 4.0 Dudie. 4.30 Banker's Benefit. 5.0 Dawn Even. 5.30 Kissane.

3.0 HARCOURT NOVICE CHASE (£1,311: 2m) (15)

1	212	BON CHEVAL Ruby Walsh 8 12 0	B Sheridan
2	000	CARRICKAVOLEY J R Cox 5 12 0	J Short
3		COOL GAMBLER J Fowler 6 12 0	Mr P Larkin (3)
4	0F2	EDDIE WEE W Rock 10 12 0	A Powell
5	000	GLENARANEEN Vi B P O Sullivan 7 12 0	D O Wall (7)
6	300	INDIAN SHOT M Hourigan 6 12 0	K F O Brien
7	002	LARRY'S BOTTLE E P Harty 9 12 0	N Madden
8	320	MISTER BUTLER Miss E Purcell 7 12 0	Mr P A Deegan (7)
9	004	OMNIUM BONOROUM J P Harty 6 12 0	T G McCourt
10	0PP	POLL TOPPER R J Cotter 9 12 0	R O Donovan
11	000	UNCLE SCOBIE John Crowley 8 12 0	P Leech
12		WEST WICKLOW F Oakes 9 12 0	C O Dwyer
13		WHATEVER WILL BE P Mullins 6 12 0	A Mullins
14	4U3	WILD ARGOSY C J Power 7 12 0	P Gill
15	33U	PRINCESS RAPUNZEL W T Bourke 7 11 11	—

9-2 Bon Cheval, 3-1 Larry's Bottle, 5-1 Eddie Wee, 6-1 Wild Argosy, 8-1 Indian Shot, 10-1 Mister Butler, 12-1 Omnium Bonoroum, Whatever Will Be, 16-1 others.

3.30 HILLCREST HURDLE (£1,173: 2m 2f) (10)

1	100	ANOTHER SUNSET D T Hughes 7 12 0	T Morgan
2	011	BALLYCRUM W Rock 6 12 0	A Powell
3	303	DROMOLAND LAD J E Mullhern 7 12 0	T Carmody
4	021	KIORA E P Harty 5 11 12	N Madden
5	000	KHALEGS GIFT W Patton 7 11 7	Mr R J Patton (7)
6	20	WHITERIVER GROVE N Meade 6 11 7	P Leech
7	021	ABOVE PAR J P Kavanagh 5 11 5	J Short
8	000	FOUR TRIX J R Cox 5 11 5	T McGivern
9	131	TUDOR SEASON I R Ferguson 4 10 11	F Berry
10		HANSARD P Hughes 4 10 11	

3-1 Dromoland Lad, 4-1 Another Sunset, 11-2 Kiora, 6-1 Tudor Season, 8-1 Ballycrum.

4.0 FOXROCK CUP EXTENDED HANDICAP CHASE (£2,070: 2m 4f) (13)

1	232	KILKILOWEN J Dreaper 10 12 0	K Morgan
2	3P1	GREASEPAINT D K Weld 11 11 4	T Carmody
3	430	DARK IVY J R Cox 10 10 10	J Short
4	04P	LARRY'S LATEST Miss A Cohen 9 10 9	M Cummins
5	10P	CHOW MEIN D T Hughes 9 10 4	T Morgan
6	004	DUDIE P Mullins 8 10 2	R O Donovan
7	204	SHANROD A Moore 9 10 2	T J Taaffe
8	F-0	MOTOR ON M Brew 8 9 11	Mr D T Conroy (7)
9	214	WINNING NORA M Hourigan 7 9 8	K F O Brien
10	1PF	NATURE TRAIL B P O Sullivan 10 9 7	H Rogers
11	P03	RANDOM SELECT W Rock 8 9 7	K B Walsh (7)
12	24F	THAT'S SHOW BIZ J R Cox 8 9 7	J P Byrne
13	0P1	THE BAR RULES M Cunningham 9 9 7	P Leech

5-2 Kilkilowen, 7-2 Dark Ivy, 5-1 Greasepaint, 6-1 Shanrod, 8-1 Winning Nora, 10-1 The Bar Rules, 12-1 Chow Mein, Larry's Latest, 14-1 others.

4.30 FIRMOUNT HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,242: 2m 6f) (17)

1	102	GALMOY J E Mulhern 7 11 9	F Berry
2	102	BANKERS BENEFIT J Fowler 6 11 2	N Madden
3	243	ALKEPA J P Cavanagh 6 10 11	Maria Cullen (3)
4	000	THE CHANCEY MAN T Carberry 8 10 7	K F O Brien
5	011	STRUT'S BROTHER D H Clyde 8 10 3	M Sleator
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GLC can give grants lasting beyond its own abolition

Regina v Greater London Council, Ex parte Westminster City Council and Others
Before Mr Justice Macpherson
[Judgment given March 3]

Until it was abolished the Greater London Council retained its wide powers and there was nothing to prevent it from using its revenue for lawful purposes even if the expenditure would benefit the recipient for a period which extended beyond the date of abolition.

The choice of recipients of grants was a political function of elected representatives. It was not the function of the court to review such decisions unless, in an extreme case, *Wednesbury* principles of reasonableness ([1948] 1 KB 223) could be invoked.

Mr Justice Macpherson so held in the Queen's Bench Division dismissing an application by the Westminster City Council and seven other councils in Greater London for judicial review of decisions of the GLC to provide for payments to a number of voluntary and community organizations which would not be funded under post-abolition arrangements.

Mr Roger Henderson, QC, Mr Charles George and Mr Andrew Arden for the GLC: Mr Andrew Collins, QC and Mr Mark Lowe for the applicants.

MR JUSTICE MACPHERSON said that there was no allegation, or certainly no sustainable argument, based upon *Wednesbury* principles. Whatever might be the political views upon the decisions impugned in this case, there was no doubt that the overall financial effect of them had been most carefully scrutinized at every stage by those involved in the management of the GLC's financial affairs.

It might well be that there were block grant consequences which could be identified as flowing from those decisions. But Mr Collins realistically accepted that there were no grounds upon which he could suggest that those implications could vitiate the decisions which were attacked in this case.

In any event it was vital to remember that provided the payments or allocations made were legal and within the law that regulated the decision-making power, no decision could be reviewed unless, in Lord Diplock's often quoted words in *Council of Civil Service Unions v Minister for the Civil Service* ([1985] AC 374, 410), it was tainted by procedural impropriety, or was "so outrageous in its defiance of logic or of accepted moral standards that no sensible person who had applied his mind to the question to be decided could have arrived at it".

Correctly in this case no suggestion as to irrationality could be made, and it was not in fact made by the applicants. The matter was left open but there was no material upon which the suggestion could succeed.

His Lordship referred to the care and clarity of the reports made by the GLC officials which prepared the ground for the decisions. Where such detailed material and full information was laid before a committee or the council it was difficult to suggest that anything had been left unconsidered or had been considered when it should not have been.

In each case the question was one for the committee or council, and the court would never substitute its own view for that of the decision making body.

Seduction to such an exercise might often be attempted. But the court had to be deaf to siren voices aimed to achieve that end. Far too many cases came in these days which sought to circumnavigate the form and substance of Lord Diplock's speech or the many other firm repetitions of those principles.

The present applications were made in the context of the two Acts [the Local Government (Interim Provisions) Act 1984 and the Local Government Act 1985] which dealt with the abolition of the metropolitan county councils and of the Greater London Council.

As Mr Collins said, it had always to be remembered that on April 1, 1986 the GLC's functions would cease absolutely. The GLC was then abolished.

The court had to be alert to the detailed provisions of both Acts, and never allow the GLC to perpetuate itself in ghostly form or in any way to ensure its continued existence by some illegal device.

Furthermore, Mr Collins said that the GLC had no power to make a will, and in so far as it had moneys available at abolition, the intention of Parliament was that the district councils should inherit those funds.

In that context phrases of that kind could be dangerous since while it was true that the GLC must not try to live on, or to make a will as such, there was no restriction placed upon it before it died to prevent it using its budgetted revenue so long as the use to which the moneys were put were lawful.

While the GLC might not make its own will, it could, if it did so legally, spend its money to defeat its statutory will and thus disappoint its successors, provided the expenditure was lawful.

Nowhere in either of the two relevant Acts was there anything to defeat the GLC's extant powers, save for those specific clauses which did control specific aspects of its activities.

That was, of course, a prime point in Mr Henderson's argument, and it was a true and powerful point. If Parliament had intended to provide expressly for the passing-on of budget surplus moneys it could have done so. It did not. Thus the GLC's powers remained.

Two points of construction had been raised. First, section 11 of the 1984 "paving Act" imposed a duty upon the GLC to consult its constituent councils.

Subsections (2) and (3)(a) taken together could have only one proper construction. Subsection (3)(a) required the GLC to "comply with the duty imposed by subsection (2)" at a clearly defined time, namely before it determined its total estimated expenditure for the financial year beginning on April 1, 1985.

"The duty" was set out in subsection (2). It covered two matters, since it referred expressly to expenditure and financing within the relevant financial year and any other proposal that would involve expenditure in a subsequent financial year.

But on analysis there was only one duty, namely a single duty to consult as to those two matters and at that time. His Lordship could not accept Mr Collin's argument that section 11 gave any extended right to consultation.

Turning to section 97 of the Local Government Act 1985, that provided for the GLC to be obliged to cooperate with both the London borough councils and any other authority to which the GLC's functions were to be transferred.

Much of the argument focussed upon the GLC's proposal to fund the new ILEA which would in due course perform the relevant inner London education functions.

In his Lordship's judgment "cooperation" and "facilitate the implementation" were wide expressions contemplating payments to be made of a much wider kind, provided always that those who decided to make such payments carefully considered in detail whether or not they fitted the statutory mould or did indeed "facilitate the implementation" of the Act rather than simply try to take over in advance the new ILEA's funding.

Provided a balanced decision was made upon that matter that decision could not be upset except upon *Wednesbury* principles.

Turning to the decisions, in order to succeed in his arguments Mr Collins had to distinguish *Manchester City Council v Greater Manchester Metropolitan County Council* ([1980] 78 LGR 71).

In his Lordship's judgment it could not be said that what was termed "forward-funding" achieved by payments made now in order to ensure the transition of specific recipients into the new era were illegal in form or in substance.

If payment now ensured the life and viability of an organization for the coming months or even beyond such a period there was no illegality, provided each case was considered on its merits.

The abolition in the present case could not be distinguished from the change of control in the *Manchester* case.

Public reaction to the proposals had singled out individual proposals for criticism and adverse comment. But it was right to stress that it was no possible part of the court's duty or power to look at such aspects of the proposals.

In some cases the choices of recipients of grants had political or social overtones which might please some or dismay others. These were solely matters for political or GLC decision by elected representatives.

Provided the payments were justified in accordance with the principles carefully spelled out by the GLC officials they could not be impugned at law, unless perhaps in some most extreme case it might be said that the *Wednesbury* principle could be invoked. Such was not the case here.

In his Lordship's judgment there was no basis for saying in fact or at law that there was a reasonable basis of consultation such as to help the applicants in their case. There was full statutory consultation before April 1, 1985.

But since Parliament did not provide for later consultation but did expressly provide for "cooperation" and access to information the court should be guarded in imposing by inference or implication a duty which Parliament did not prescribe. If the applicants were right it would be difficult to know where to draw the line.

There was no "legitimate expectation" in this case.

Solicitors: Mr R. A. Lanham: Mr G. Matthew Ives.

Police need not disclose observation post secrets in court

Regina v Rankine
Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Mann and Sir Roger Ormrod
[Judgment given March 3]

The long-established rule that police or other investigating officers could not be required to disclose the sources of their information applied to protect the identity of a person who had allowed his premises to be used for surveillance, and the location of those premises.

The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing the appeal of *Ellision Rankine* against his conviction on July 10, 1985 at Inner London Crown Court (Judge Crowther, QC and a jury) of unlawful supply of a controlled drug, contrary to section 4(3)(a) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971, for which he was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment.

Mr Roger Offenbach, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Paul Purnell, QC, and Mr Hugh Torrance for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE MANN, giving the judgment of the court, said that the prosecution case was that on March 14, 1985, on 10 occasions in an hour the appellant was seen selling cannabis outside a shop in Railton Road, Brixton.

The case was based on the observations and identification of two police officers who were in an observation post watching the shop and who had passed to other officers a radio message of what they had seen.

The appellant was arrested and 107 grammes of cannabis and £274 in cash were found upon him.

At the beginning of the trial and in the absence of the jury, counsel for the prosecution applied for a ruling that the officers who conducted the surveillance operation should not be asked to identify the location of the observation post.

The reason for the application was given as being the public interest in that an observation post lost its utility when its location was known, and in that the persons who provided the post would or could be placed in jeopardy from persons who disapproved of cooperation with the police.

After argument, the application was granted on the basis that any questions might be asked, but the officers would not be compelled to answer any questions to which they objected on the ground that it would embarrass their sources of cooperation.

In the event some questions about the observation were both asked and answered, but the location of the observation post remained unknown to the jury.

For the appellant a single ground of appeal was raised: whether the trial judge was wrong in law in permitting the prosecution not to disclose the observation point from where the identification was made.

That raised a point of general importance. Their Lordships were told that surveillance was a vital form of criminal intelligence and that much of it was carried out from static positions in business premises or private houses.

Such positions could not be occupied without the cooperation of members of the public. Their Lordships readily understood that members of the public would be unwilling to cooperate if the identity of their premises was disclosable in court.

For many years it had been well recognised that the detection of crime was assisted by the use of information given to the police by members of the public.

Those members might be either professional informers who gave information regularly in the expectation of financial or other reward, or public spirited citizens who wished to see the guilty punished for their offences.

It was in the public interest that nothing should be done which was likely to discourage persons of either class from coming forward. One thing which above all others would be likely to prevent persons coming forward with information would be the knowledge that their identity might be disclosed in court.

Accordingly, for many years it had been the rule that police or other investigating officers could not be required to disclose the sources of their information: see *Attorney-General v Briant* ((1846) 15 M & W 169); *Marks v Beyfus* ((1890) 25 QBD 494); *R v Hennessy (Timothy)* ((1979) 68 Cr App R 419).

It was to be observed that the rule was a rule of exclusion subject to a discretion to admit in order to avoid a miscarriage of justice. Thus even if the prosecution did not invoke the rule the judge was none the less obliged to apply it.

The question was whether the rule protected the identity of a person who had allowed his premises to be used for surveillance and the identity of the premises themselves.

In their Lordships' judgment the reasons which gave rise to the rule that an informer was not to be identified applied with equal force to the identification of the owner or occupier of premises used for surveillance and to the identification of the premises themselves. The cases were indistinguishable and the same rule had to apply to each.

That being so the only question was whether the trial judge was correct in not exercising the discretion exceptionally to admit such evidence in order to avoid a miscarriage of justice.

For the appellant it was accepted that if the rule in regard to informers applied, the exercise of the discretion could not be criticised. Their Lordships agreed.

Solicitors: Solicitor, Metropolitan Police.

Correction

In *Gordon and Another v Selico Co Ltd and Another* (*The Times* February 20), the solicitors for the plaintiffs were Sebastian Coleman & Co. and not Geoffrey Levine & Co. The second plaintiff was Mrs Anya Teixeira.

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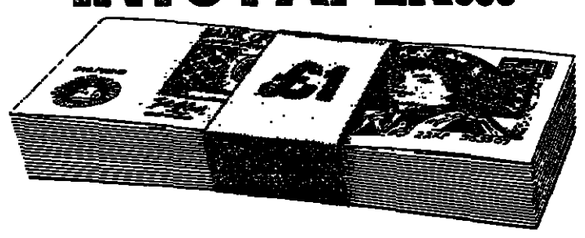
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EVANS. On 26th February 1986, to Nicky (nee Palmer) and Charles, a son, Peter.

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DEATHS

BIRKETT Freda beloved wife of Raymond Birkett, mother of Alison, Diana, Julian and Camilla, peacefully at Trinity Hospice, Clapham on 28th February. Requiem Mass at Holy Redeemer, Cheyne Row, 11am Thursday March 6th.

BULL George Arthur on February 27th peacefully in hospital. Husband of Irene and father of Veronica and Sylvia. *Funeral at Reading* Crematorium 2pm March 6th. Family flowers only, donations if desired to MIND c/o A B Walker Funeral Directors, 36 Eldon Road, Reading.

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HENDRY On March 1st peacefully at home, Alexander Mitchell, dearly loved husband of Doreen, father of Judith, Deidre and Alastair and loving grandfather. Service at St Mary's Parish Church, Wimbledon on Friday March 7th at 2.15pm, followed by Private Cremation. *Family flowers only.*

JAMES Bridget Amy, peacefully on 28th February aged 77, at St Catherine's Nursing Home Bath. Funeral service at the Church St Mary and St Edward Barrow Gurney, Nr Bristol, at 2.15pm Tuesday 11th March. Flowers or donations to the Church, if desired, c/o Arthur E Daves and Sons, 82 Silver St, Nailsea, Bristol.

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MOULE Peacefully at the Old Vicarage Moulsford on 1st March aged 92 Henry Charles Caulfeild Moule, widower of Marjorie Lilian (nee Pemberton). Funeral at Oxford Crematorium, Friday 7th March at 2.15pm. No *Flowers, please,* by his request.

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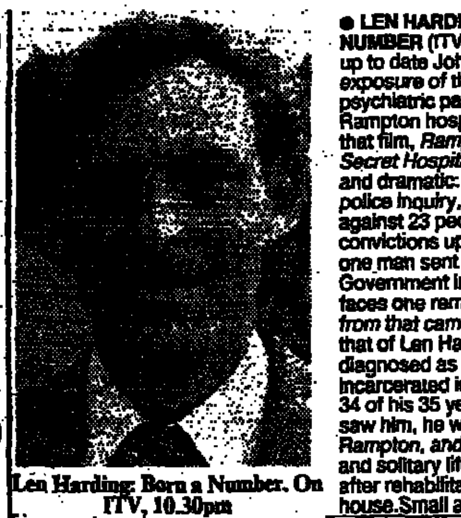
6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.50 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25 and 8.55; regional news, weather, and traffic at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 7.20 and 8.20; Junior Advice line at 7.32, followed approximately an hour later with the adult version; and a review of the morning newspapers at 8.37. Plus, Alan Titchmarsh's gardening advice.
9.20 Ceefax 10.30 Play School. 10.50 Ceefax.
12.30 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and Frances Coverdale includes news headlines with subtitles 12.55 Regional news and weather.
1.00 Pebble Mill at One with Paul Cola, Marian Foster and Magnus Magnusson. A new treatment for multiple sclerosis is investigated with a contribution from a sufferer who claims it has given him relief from his symptons; Heather Couper begins a monthly series on heavenly bodies; and Ashley Jackson presents the first of a series in which he talks to celebrities about their interest in painting. Plus, a song from Roseanne, daughter of Johnny Cash. 1.45 Chock-a-Block (r)
2.00 The Goode Kitchen. Shirley Goode prepares an inexpensive sea-food pasta and explains how to make curd cheese 2.15 The Parent Programme. Francis Wilson and Miriam O'Reilly with advice on surviving with under-fives 2.30 Ceefax 3.52 Regional news
3.55 Postman Pat (r) 4.10 Laurel and Hardy. Cartoon version (r) 4.15 Jackanory. Joanna Monro with part two of Enid Blyton's, The Circus of Adventure 4.25 Bananaman 4.30 The Really Wild Show. The last programme of the series in which Terry Nutkins and his team answer viewers' questions on natural history matters.
5.00 Newsround, presented by Roger Finn 5.10 Grange Hill. Episode 17 and Zammo is in more trouble. (Ceefax)
5.35 Fax! Bill Oddie, Wendy Leavesley and Billy Butler settle another selection of arguments.
6.00 News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather.
6.35 London Plus.
7.00 Holiday, introduced by Cliff Michelmore. Tom Savage reports on a Hong Kong holiday; Anne Gregg takes a Norwegian fjords cruise; and Bill Buckley tackles a photographic holiday course in a Welsh manor house.
7.30 EastEnders. Den makes a dramatic discovery. (Ceefax)
8.00 One by One. With the Northern Zoo about to close, Mr Challon, a stocktaker, is appointed to find new homes for the animals.(r)(Ceefax)
8.50 Points of View.
9.00 News with Julia Somerville and Andrew Harvey. Weather.
9.30 Hideaway. Colin, in a desperate attempt to diffuse his threatened situation, pays off the two Dutchmen; has a conversation with Arnie; and tries to mollify Detetctive Adams. (Ceefax)
10.20 Film 86. Barry Norman reviews Out of Africa and interviews one of the stars, Meryl Streep.
10.50 Nothing But the Best. The final part of the series for parents on secondary education.
11.15 Sportsnight Special. Highlights from one of tonight's football matches and the latest news on the Bruno/Coetzee bout.
12.05 Weather.

TV-AM

6.15 Good Morning Britain, presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. Exercises at 6.20; news with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.35 and 7.34; regional report at 7.15; Popeye cartoon at 7.24; pop video at 7.55; film review at 8.34; reunions at 8.45; a personal view from Geoffrey Cannon on what is wrong with the British diet at 9.12

ITV/LONDON

9.25 Thames news headlines.
9.30 For Schools: How to talk about the future. For the hearing impaired 9.50 Flora and fauna that survives on rocks 10.09 Ways in which hands are used to pass messages 10.26 German conversation for beginners 10.48 Parliamentary lobbyists and pressure groups 11.10 The role of computers 11.27 Schoolchildren investigate bullying 11.44 Ralph Steadman examines various aspects of 'making faces'
12.00 Button Moon. Puppet adventures of the Spoon family 12.10 Rainbow Learning made fun with puppets (r) 12.30 The Sullivans.
1.00 News at One with Leonard Parkin 1.20 Thames news presented by Robin Houston 1.30 Shine On Harvey Moon. The final part of the comedy drama serial about an ex-serviceman coming to terms with civilian life in London after the Second World War. (r)
2.30 Daytime. Sarah Kennedy chairs a studio discussion on a topical matter 3.00 Mousetrap. A new quiz game show, presented by Don Maclean. 3.25 Thames news headlines 3.30 The Young Doctors. Medical drama series from Australia
4.00 Button Moon. A repeat of the programme shown at noon 4.10 Bill the Minder. Cartoon series 4.20 The Wind in the Willows. Toad tires of croquet and takes up golf (Oracle) 4.45 Splash. The children's series in which the viewers decide the content.
5.15 Connections. Quiz game for teenagers, presented by Sue Robbie.
5.45 News 6.00 Thames news.
6.25 Reporting London. The findings of a report prepared by international experts examining what would happen if London was the target of a nuclear strike.
7.00 Emmerdale Farm. Jack Sugden is determined that Emmerdale will be the successful bidder for Mowlam's land.
7.30 Busman's Holiday. Julian Pettifer presents another round of the quiz game for teams.(Oracle)
8.00 Magnum. Carol, a deputy district attorney, cons Magnum and Higgins into helping her arrange an elaborate 'sting' operation.
9.00 Boon. This week the freelance trouble shooter is reluctant to take a job moving antiques for a dealer. (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten and weather followed by Thames news headlines.
10.30 First Tuesday. Len Harding, Born a Number, examines how former Rampton patient, Len Harding, is coping with the outside world. Kent Coal: Staying on Top, investigates the mood of the miners of Kent, one year after the end of the coal dispute. (see Choice)
11.35 Film: Attempt to Kill* (1961) starring Derek Farr and Tony Wright. Police inspector Minter investigates murder attempts on a businessman. Directed by Royston Morley.
12.35 Night Thoughts



Len Harding: Born a Number. On ITV, 10.30pm

● LEN HARDING: BORN A NUMBER (ITV, 10.30pm) brings up to date John Willis's 1979 exposure of the ill-treatment of psychiatric patients at Rampton hospital. The impact of that film, *Rampton: The Secret Hospital*, was immediate and dramatic: a wide-ranging police inquiry, prosecutions against 23 people, seven convictions upheld on appeal, one man sent to prison, and a Government inquiry. One of the faces one remembers most *from that campaigning film* was that of Len Harding, diagnosed as a psycopath, and incarcerated in institutions for 34 of his 35 years. When last we saw him, he was out of *Rampton, and beginning a new* and solitary life in a bed-sitter after rehabilitation in a half-way house. Small and confined his

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new world was, but at least it was *a place* where he could shed tears in peace. Now Mr Willis has turned the camera on Len Harding once more, and we see that the man who was born a number is now a Mr. He has a wife, home and job and he has written a book which is an eloquent plea for better treatment of the mentally ill. Completing tonight's edition of *First Tuesday* is another up-dating, *Kent Coal: Staying on Top*. These were the last miners to drag their heels back to work at the end of the long and violent coalfield strike, and the mood of both the men and their families one year later is exactly what you would expect it to be.: bleak and bitter.

● John Boorman's film EXCALIBUR (Channel 4, 9.00pm) is a version of *Mallory's Morte d'Arthur that is* as remote in style from the musical *Camelot* as *My Fair Lady* was from *Pygmalion*. This is not to say that the Arthurian legend has been *intellectualized* out of all recognition. It is simply to recognize that Boorman has given the legend a philosophical edge that satisfies the mind while allowing the *eye to be astonished at Anthony* Pratt's sets.

● Radio choice: Stephen Hough playing Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No 1 with the City of Birmingham SO (Radio 3, 7.30pm).

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BBC 2

6.55 Open University: Science - rocks and magnets. Ends at 7.20.
9.00 Ceefax.
9.20 Daytime on Two. For the moderately mentally handicapped young adult 9.35 Spanish conversation 9.52 Maths: turning a mathematical rule into a *graph 10.15 A chapter* from the Boy From Space, by Richard Carpenter 10.38 The future for coal 11.00 Continuing the series exploring what life was like at the turn of the century 11.17 A forest walk and a stroll along a strand 11.39 Ways of producing alternative energy 12.00 A portrait of a family run hotel in La Rochelle 12.30 German conversation 12.55 Ceefax 1.20 French conversation 1.38 The sea-birds that have made the cliffs of St Abbs and the *Bass Rock their home* 2.00 For four- and five-year olds 2.15 The history of a local park 2.40 Sub-aqua societies.
3.00 Ceefax.
5.25 *News summary with* subtitles. Weather.
5.30 The Grain Run. The first of a series of five programmes in which Pete Morgan navigates the Roman waterways of Britain by barge and boat.(first shown on BBC North)
6.00 No Limits. Jenny Powell and Tony Baker take their dreadful accents to Norwich; on a boat trip on the Broads; and a ride on stage coach that used to take the mail between London and East Anglia. Plus, pop music and videos.
6.50 Joni Jones. Part two of the serial and Joni is introduced to chewing gum by visiting GIs.
7.20 Cartoon Two. Une ame a voile. From Canada. (r)
7.30 The Money Makers. A profile of Akio Morita, chief executive of the Japanese company, Sony.
8.00 South East Reports. Reporter Fran Morrison investigates the chaos and uncertainty threatening London's arts bodies once the GLC is abolished.
8.30 Food and Drink. This final programme of the series includes reports on the E numbers that are supposed to tell us what is in the food we eat; on the best low fat spreads; and *the exotic vegetables that* are becoming commonplace in the local greengrocers.
9.00 I, Claudius. Episode eight and Caligula becomes *Emperor after the murder* of Tiberius. The promising start to the reign is soon eclipsed by Caligula's delusion that he is the god Zeus, and by marrying his *sister after proclaiming her* a goddess. Starring Derek Jacobi, John Hurt and Margaret Tyzack. (r)
9.55 Arena. A profile of the Japanese film director, Akira Kurosawa, coinciding with the opening in London's West End of his latest film, Ran.
11.00 Newsnight 11.45 Weather.
11.50 Open University: Management and the School. Ends at 12.20

CHANNEL 4

2.30 Film: Mr Robinson Crusoe* (1932) starring Douglas Fairbanks and Maria Alba. Comedy about a playboy who accepts a bet to live in isolation on a South Pacific Island. Directed by Edward Sutherland.
3.45 Years Ahead. Robert *Dougall presents another* edition of the magazine programme for the older viewer. The contentious subject of British Telecom's standing charges is examined; Zena Skinner takes up artist Tony Waller's claim that he can teach anyone to paint in 30 minutes; Paul Lewis investigates benefits for those with disabilities; and Frances Perry has seasonal gardening advice.
4.30 Countdown. Yesterday's winner is challenged by Nigel Ingham from Clifton in Nottingham.
5.00 Bewitched. The 20th century witch, Samantha Stephens, is sent back to the witch-hunting days of the 17th century by the dotty Aunt Clara.
5.30 More Than Meets the Eye. This second programme in the series on flower arranging finds presenter Sue Philips in the Netherlands. In the studio Michael Saunders demonstrates the various styles of European flower arrangement.
6.00 Pop the Question. Pop nostalgia quiz. The team captains, Chris Tarrant and David Hamilton, are joined by Sally James, Anneka Rice, Duggie Brown and Adrian Juste.
6.30 *Danger Man* British* intelligence agent John Drake is sent to Scotland to investigate the reappearance of a master spy thought to have died *ten years earlier*.
7.00 Channel Four news with Peter Sissons and Alastair Stewart includes a report from Anne Perkins in Grimethorpe, a community *deeply affected by the* miners' strike.
7.50 Comment. With his views on a matter of topical importance is Frank Cousins, a writer and lecturer on the history of science. Weather.
8.00 Brookside. Billy is receiving a roasting in court and Doreen is worried that the *experience will lead to his* losing his job and his house.
8.30 4 What It's Worth. A new series of the consumer magazine begins with John Stoneborough examining a scheme which, it is claimed, exploits the unemployed; Bill Breckon and the Kent police uncover the dangers of badly identified chemical lorries; and David Stafford has the best buys in compact disc players.
9.00 Film: Excalibur (1981) *starring Nigel Terry and* Helen Mirren. John Boorman's lavish version of the old Arthurian legend.
11.30 The Tube. A repeat of the *Heavy Metal special* shown last Friday. Ends at 12.45

Radio 4

5.55 Shipping 6.00 News. 6.10 Farming 6.25 Prayer (s).
6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News 6.45 Business News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.00, 8.00 News 7.20 Letters 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News
9.05 Tuesday Call: 01-580 4411
10.00 News; From our own correspondent. Life and politics abroad, reported by BBC foreign *correspondents*.
10.30 Morning Story: The Dance of the Little Swans by Jenny Hursell. Read by Valerie Windsor.
10.45 Daily Service (New Every Morning, page 93) (s).
11.00 News; Travel; Thirty-Minute Theatre: Mrs Donaldson at 60 by Constance Cox, with Dulcie Gray as the poor widow (s).
11.33 The Living World: News of wildlife.
12.00 News; You and Yours. With Pattie Coldwell.
12.27 My Word! Panel game with Dilys Powell and Frank Muir challenging Antonia Fraser and Denis Norden (s). 12.55 Weather; travel.
1.00 The World at One: News.
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping.
2.00 *News; Woman's Hour*, includes a feature on Nanoose Peace Camp on Vancouver Island.
3.00 News; Welsh Drama: The Penrhyn Summer by Alison Leonard. With Alexandra Mathie (s).
4.00 News.
4.05 Communities in Crisis. How communities have coped with different types of crisis (1) Shutdown.
4.30 Kaleidoscope. Last night's edition (r).
5.00 PM: News magazine. 5.50 Shipping 5.55 Weather.
6.00 News; Financial Report.
6.30 Oh, Yes it is! History of pantomine, narrated by Richard Briers (6).
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4. With Stuart Simon.
8.00 Medicine Now. (Geoff Watts).
8.30 The Tuesday Feature: Culture Shock. Molly Price-Owen reports on people who take up foreign posts.
9.00 In Touch. For people with a visual handicap.
9.30 Persona Grata. Nigel Rees talks about three of his favourite characters from fiction.
9.45 Kaleidoscope. With Christopher Cook.
10.15 A Book At Bedtime: Bengal Lancer the autobiography of Francis Yeats Brown (2). Reader *Tim Pigott-Smith*.
10.30 The World Tonight.
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.
12.00 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping.
VHF (*available in England and* S. Wales only) as above except: 5.55-6.00 am Weather; Travel. 11.00-12.00 For Schools: 11.00 Time and Tune (s) 11.20 Time to Move 11.40 Musicianship: Early Stages (s). 1.55-3.00 pm For Schools: 1.55 Listening Corner 2.05 History: Not So Long Ago 2.25 Contact 2.40 Pictures in your Mind (Stories). 5.50-5.55 PM (continued) 11.30-12.10 am Open University 11.30 Open Forum. 11.50 Poetry. 12.30-1.10 Schools Night-Time Broadcasting: Rehersing for Work. 12.30 *The First Few Days*. 12.50 Finding your Feet.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News
7.05 *Morning Concert*: Chabrier (Gwendoline overture); Sauguett (Cello Concerto: with Rostropovich as soloist. Satie(La diva de l'Empire,with Ameling,soprano); Debussy (Images oubliees: Kocsis,piano).. 8.00 News.
8.05 Concert:part two. Suk (Fantastic Scherzo. Op 25): Bizet (Recitative and aria: L'orage s'est calme...O Nadir. tendre ami (Souzay,baritone); Beethoven (Sonata in A, Op 2 No 2: Gilels.piano). 9.00 News
9.05 This Week's Composer: Poulenc. The cantata Le bal masque; Cinq poemes de Max Jacob(Elly Ameling,soprano); Quatre poemes d'Apollinaire(Souzay, baritone): Concerto in D minor for two pianos and orchestra: the composer is the soloist).
10.00 Berlin and Esterhaza: Graun (Oboe Concerto in C minor: with Holliger, soloist): Haydn (Symphony No 22)
10.45 BBC Singers: works by Ireland (The Hills: A Garland for the Queen), Delius (with David Roy, tenor), Britten and Stanford (from Eight Part Songs, Op 119).
11.15 Nash Ensemble: Mozart (Adagio and Rondo. K 617); Borodin (Piano Quintet in C minor); Balakirev (Octet, Op 3)
12.10 Midday Concert: BBC Scottish SO, with Sylvia Marcovici (violin)..Part 1. David Bedford (The Valley-Sleeper, the Children,the Snakes and the Giant); Bruch (Violin Concerto No 1). 1.00 News
1.05 Concert: part two. Mozart (Symphony No 33); Dvorak (Othello overture)
1.45 Guitar Encores: Sven Lundestad plays works by Granados, Jon Mostad and Castelnuovo-Tedesco (Tonadilla on the name of Segovia)
2.15 Les Six: Groupe des Six perform works by Auric (Trio,for oboe,clarinet, and bassoon), Tailleferre (Pastorale for flute,piano). Milhaud (Sonata for flute,oboe,clarinet,piano), Durey (Nicolios et la flute), Honegger (Danse et la chevre)and Poulenc (Trio for oboe,bassoon,piano).
3.35 Chamber Symphony by Shostakovich: Lucerne Festival Strings. Barshai arrangement of String Quartet No 8
4.00 Anne Howells and Roger Vignoles: the mezzo and her accompanist in works by Duparc, Debussy (including Trois chansons de Bilitis), Rodrigo and Obradors (*including Del* cabello mas sutil). 4.55 News
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure:recorded music,presented by Geoffrey Norris
6.30 Cancionero Musical: New London Consort. Music from Renaissance Spain
7.00 Bartok: Victoria Mullova plays Sonata for solo violin
7.30 City of Birmingham SO,with Stephen Hough(piano).Part 1.Copland (Symphony No 2), Rachmaninov (Piano Concerto No 1).
8.20 *Wordhoard: Ian Hogg* reads poetry of the Anglo-Saxon victors in the wars against the Welsh. .Introduced by Prof Thomas Shippey
8.40 Concert:part 2. Dvorak (Symphony No 5)
9.30 Thom Gunn's Castle: poetry feature.presented by Graham Fawcett
10.00 *Magnum Opus*: Charles Fox presents John Warren's Six Tributes for 13 players,played by John Warren Band
10.55 Beethoven and Schubert: Parikian-Milne-Fleming Trio. Beethoven (Variations in E flat, Op 44), Schubert (B flat Trio, D 898)
11.57 News. 12.00 Closedown.
VHF only: Open University. 6.35am to 6.55. Images of Prostitution.



Nigel Terry in. Excalibur. Channel 4.9.00pm

Radio 2

News on the hour. Headlines 5.30 am, 6.30 pm, 7.30 and 8.30. Cricket: West Indies v England. 1.05 pm, 2.02, 3.02, 4.02, 5.05, 6.02, 6.45 (mf only), 8.02, 9.02 (VHF), 9.55 (VHF), 11.02, 4.00am Colin Berry (s) 6.00 Ray Moore (s) *8.05 Ken Bruce (s) 10.30 Jimmy* Young (incl medical questions answered by Dr Mike Smith) 1.05 pm David Jacobs (s) 2.00 Gloria Hunniford (s) 3.30 Music All The Way 4.00 David Hamilton (s) 6.00 John Dunn (s) 8.00 Boxing and soccer specials (Frank Bruno faces Gerrie Coetzee). 10.00 The Law game. Shaw Taylor, Barry Took, Patricia Hodge, Steve Jones, Gordon Reid, Melinda Walker and Trevor Nichols. 10.30 Dealing with Daniels. 11.00 Brian Matthew. 1.00 am Peter Dickson (s) 3.00-4.00 A little night music (s).

Radio 1

News on the half-hour from *6.30 am until 9.30 pm and at 12.00* midnight. 6.00 am Adrian John. 7.30 Mike Read 9.30 Simon Bates 12.30 pm Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) 12.45 Gary Davies (This week's Top 40). 3.00 Steve Wright. 5.30 Newsbeat (Frank Partridge). *5.45 Bruno Brookes* (incl new Top 40 singles) 7.30 Janice Long 10.00-12.00 John Peel (s). VHF RADIOS 1 & 2 4.00 am As Radio 2. 8.00 Old Stagers: Bobby Howes (s). 8.30 The Golden Years (Alan Keith) (s). 9.00 BBC Radio Orchestra (s). 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 As Radio 1 120.00-4.00 am As Radio 2.

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6.00 Newsdesk. 7.00 News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 My Country in Mind. 7.45 Network UK. 8.00 News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 I Wish I'd Met. 8.30 Talking About Music. 9.00 News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 *What's New. 10.00 News. 10.01 Discover.* 10.30 Pride and Prejudice. 11.00 News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 Waveguide. 11.25 Letter from Scotland. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Faces. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 Network UK. 1.30 Recording of the Week. 2.00 Outlook. 2.45 English Song. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 A Jolly Good Show. 4.00 News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Omnibus. 4.45 The World Today. 5.00 News. 5.09 A Letter From Scotland. 5.15 International Recital. 10.00 News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 A Letter From Scotland. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 The Classic Albums. 11.30 Faces. 12.00 News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreels. 12.30 Omnibus. 1.00 News. 1.01 Outlook. 1.30 Report on Religion. 1.45 Country Style. 2.00 News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 *The Music Business*. 2.30 Pride and Prejudice. 3.00 News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 Discovery. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 Waveguide. 4.40 Book Choice. All times in GMT

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

BBC1 Wales:5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today 6.35-7.00 The Chris Stuart Cha Cha Chat Show 9.30-10.00 Week in Week Out. 10.00-10.50 Aled Jones 12.05-12.10am News and weather. Scotland 10.20am-10.30 Dotaman 6.35-7.00 Reporting Scotland *10.20-10.50 The Mother Tongue* 10.50-11.20 Film 86 11.20-11.50 Late Night in Concert 11.50-11.55 weather. Northern Ireland 5.35pm-5.40 Today's Sport 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.35-7.00 Take One 12.05am-12.10 News and weather. England 12.00-12.30pm East on Two. East only:6.35-7.00 Regional news magazines.

BBC2 8.00-8.30 Wales:Bowls. Scotland:Prosbaig.Northern Ireland:Telly Addicts. England:East.We Shoot Horses Don't We...? Midlands: Body Talk.Northern Lights. NorthEast: *The Allotment Show.NorthWest* Masters of the Marina.South: Exploring Gardens. SouthWest:Antiques at Home. West:Dance with me Henry.

CHANNEL As London except 9.25-9.30 For Openers 1.20 Channel News and weather 1.30 A Country Practice 3.00 Questions 5.12 Puffin's Pla(i)ce 5.15 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Channel Report 6.35 Crossroads 11.35 The Champions 12.35am Weather,Close

TYNE TEES As London except:9.25-9.30 North East News 1.20-1.30 North East *News and Lookaround* 3.25 North East News 6.00 Northern Life 6.35 Crossroads 11.35 Shelley 12.05am Just Like a Woman! 12.10 Close.

TVS As London except:9.25 TVS Outlook 1.20 TVS News 1.30-2.30 A Country Practice 3.00 Questions 3.25-3.30 TVS News 5.12 TVS News Headlines followed by Sons and Daughters 5.45-6.00 Coast to Coast 6.25 Police 6.35-7.00 Crossroads 11.35 The Champions 12.35am Company,close.

HTV WEST :As London except:9.25am-9.30 HTV News 1.20-1.30 HTV News 3.25-3.30 HTV News 6.00-9.00 Murder,She Wrote 11.35 Man in a Suitcase 12.35am Weather,close.

HTV WALES 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six.Grampian:As London except:9.25-9.30 First Thing 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 1.20 North News 3.25-3.30 North Headlines 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm 6.00 North Tonight and weather 6.35 Crossroads 7.00-7.30 File:Andrew's Kingdom 11.35 The *New Avengers 12.35am News headlines* and weather 12.40 Close.

CENTRAL As London except:12.30-1.00 Gardening Time 1.20-1.30 Central News 3.25-3.30 Central News 6.00 Crossroads 6.25-7.00 Central News 11.35 Ironside (Raymond Burr) 1 12.35am Close.

BORDER As London except:1.20-1.30 Border News 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.35-7.00 Crossroads 9.00-9.00 Quincy 11.35-12.05am Tales from the *Darkside 12.05am News Summary* 12.08 Close.

YORKSHIRE As London except:9.25-9.30 Weather 12.30-1.00 Calendar Lunchtime Live 1.20-1.30 Calendar News 3.25 Calendar News 3.30-4.00 A Country Practice 5.15-5.45 The Protectors 6.00 Calendar 6.35-7.00 Crossroads 11.35 'V' 12.35am Close.

SCOTTISH As London except:12.30-1.00 Gardening Time 1.20-1.30 Scottish News 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm 6.00 Scottish News and Scotland Today 6.35 Crossroads 7.00-7.30 Funny You Should Say That 8.00-9.00 Hotel 11.35 Late Call 11.40 Mike Hammer 12.35am Close

ANGLIA 12.30-1.00 Gardens for All 1.20-1.30 Anglia News and Weather 3.00 Three Little Words 3.25-3.30 *Anglia News 5.15-5.45* Emmerdale Farm 6.00 About Anglia 6.35 Crossroads 7.00-7.30 Mind Your Language 11.35 Legmen 12.35 Tuesday Topic,close.

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S4C 1.00 Countdown 1.30 Alice 2.00 Hwnt Ac Yma 2.20 Ffalabalam 2.35 Hyn O Fyd 2.55 Interval 3.25 Sea War 3.55 Shakespeare Lives 4.25 Bewitched 4.55 Hanner Awr Fawr 5.30 Unforgettable 6.00 Winston Churchill 6.30 Crwydro'r Cledrau 6.45 Sioe Siarad 7.00 Newyddion Saith 7.30 Cem Gwlad 8.00 Treasure Hunt,News headlines. 9.00 Deryn 10.00 Iesu Ddoe A Heddiw 10.30 How to Survive the Nine to Five 11.20 Film:The Old Dark House(1932) Bons Karloff 12.40am Close.

GRANADA As London except:1.20-1.30 Granada Reports 3.00 That's Hollywood 3.25 Granada Reports 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Granada Reports 6.30 This Is Your Right 6.35-7.00 Crossroads 11.35 Man In A Suitcase 12.35am Close.

TSW As London except:12.20pm-1.00 Newhart 1.20-1.30 TSW News 3.25 Sons and Daughters 3.57-4.00 TSW News 5.15 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays 5.20-5.45 Crossroads 6.00 Today South West 6.25 Televiews 6.30 Emmerdale Farm 7.00-9.00 Film: Buona Sera, Mrs Campbell (1968) Gina Lollobrigida 11.35 Postscript 11.40 Show Express 12.10am Weather,close.

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ACADEMY 3 437 8819 THE WANDERER (PG) Progs at 4.00, 6.10, 8.20

CAMDEN PLAZA 485 2443 (opp Camden Town tube) Peter Greenaway's A ZED & TWO NOUGHTS (15). Film at 1.45, 4.00, 6.20, 8.45 MUST END THURS. From FRI 7 MAR Godard's DETECTIVE (15). Film at 1.00, 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00

CURZON MAYFAIR Curzon Street 499 3737 Coral Browne, Ian Holm. Superb performances. Times in Dennis Potter's DREAMCHILD (PG) "Sheer Enchantment" S Exp "A complete triumph" S Tel Film at 2.00 (Not Sun) 4.10 6.20 & 8.40

CURZON WEST END Shaftesbury Avenue W1 439 4805 Jessica Lange, Ed Harris in SWEET DREAMS (15) Film at 2.00 (Not Sun) 4.10, 6.20 & 8.40 from Fri Kurosawa's RAN (15) BOOK NOW

GATE CINEMA, Notting Hill Gate 727 4043 newly renovated, new luxury seating, Dolby stereo KISS OF THE SPIDERWOMAN (18). 2.15 4.30 6.50 9.05 Last 3 days. Starts Fri March 7 KUROSAWA'S RAN (15) advanced bookings. No membership required

MINEMA KNIGHTSBRIDGE 235 4225 Glenda Jackson & Ben Kingsley "TURTLE DIARY" (PG) Daily 3.0, 5.0, 7.0 & 9.0

ART GALLERIES

BARBICAN ART GALLERY, Barbican Centre, EC2 01 638 4141 Until 27 April ART & TIME, looking at time and the 4th dimension in modern art. Adm £1.50 and 75p. Tues-Sat 10am-6.45pm. Closed Mondays, except B. Hols

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REYNOLDS
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SCULPTURE IN Bronze and Concrete and related drawings by Doreen Collins at The Building Centre Gallery, 26 Store Street, London WC1 till 7 March Mon-Fri 9.30-5.30, Sat 10-4

EXHIBITIONS

BRITISH LIBRARY, Gt Russell St WC1 MIRROR OF THE WORLD: Maps, Maps and Globes Wkdys 10-5 Sun 2.30-6 Adm free

MUSEUM OF MANKIND, Burlington Gardens W1 HIDDEN PEOPLE OF THE AMAZON Life in the Tropical Rainforest Mon-Sat 10-5 Sun 2.30-6 Adm free

VICTORIA AND ALBERT MUSEUM- The National Museum of Art and Design. S Kensington. HATS FROM INDIA. KNITTING FROM THE V&A COLLECTION. JEWELLERY BY FRANK BAUER until 13 March. INDIAN PORTRAITS. 17C TAPESTRIES FROM THE V&A COLLECTION. BRITISH TEXTILE DESIGNS. FRENCH DRAWINGS. SWISS STAINED GLASS DESIGNS. PHOTOGRAPHS BY ROGER MAYNE. Wkdys 10.00-5.50 Sun 2.30-5.50 Closed Fri. Recorded info 01 581 4894

MPs to examine petrol prices

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

The link between world crude oil prices and what the motorist pays for petrol is to be examined by the all-party Commons Energy Committee.

The motoring organizations say that petrol prices are not falling fast enough. Forecourt prices average 175p a gallon.

On the Rotterdam spot market North Sea crude for April delivery was being quoted last night at $13.25 a barrel, almost a third of the price charged to refineries in December.

However, since December prices at the pumps have fallen by less than 20p and the oil companies have been criticized for not cutting them further.

One city analyst has calculated that profits are now running at more than 20p a gallon for the refiner, with the filling station owner doubling the 7p a gallon he was making at Christmas. But the oil companies say that falling prices can take up to 60 days to work through to the consumer.

The Energy Select Committee will ask for written evidence from the big oil companies–Esso, Shell and BP–asking for detailed information on the relationship between crude and petrol prices over the past 20 years.

The information will show the effect of the link between the dollar and the pound; all oil prices, even those in the North Sea are quoted in dollars.

The Committee will also review the effect of tax on petrol prices.The oil companies have indicated that part of their reluctance to cut prices is that to do so would give the Chancellor further scope for excise duty and consequent value-added tax increases in the Budget.

The committee will also ask for technical information on how the companies have upgraded their refineries to produce more petrol.

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Defiant Palestinians bury a new saint



The body of the assassinated Mayor of Nablus, Zafer al-Masri, covered in the outlawed Palestinian flag, being taken to the tomb.

From Ian Murray
Nablus

They held a Palestinian state funeral for their murdered mayor here yesterday. Chanting, clapping and whistling, they laid Zafer al-Masri to rest to the tears and cheers of 20,000 and more in the streets of this city.

As if in symbolic sacrifice before the ceremonies began, a young refugee in the town's camp of Bata died from an Israeli bullet as he grappled with a soldier in an incident sparked by the tension of the moment.

Symbolically, too, the day ended with police firing into the air to disperse a group of youngsters who had flung a huge stone at the windscreen of a police bus.

From just after sunrise mourners from all over the West Bank had been arriving. The bells of the Christian churches rang out discordantly as the chants from the megaphones in the many minarets ceaselessly called across the shuttered city.

At the family home the Muslim ritual of mourning was being closely observed. The older men sat silently in plush chairs round the living-rooms, staring vacantly.

Outside on the steep stone steps and among the lemon trees in the garden, all was noise. Chants of "There is no God but Allah and Abu Hisham is his most beloved" rang out as the young mourners remembered the mayor's family name.

They pushed their way into the courtyard, waving wreaths of palm leaves, hung with the flag of Muslim mourning and with a black-edged poster showing the dapper businessman who has become the unlikely new saint of the Palestinian movement.

Just before the funeral procession moved off, the diplomats arrived from Jerusalem to pay their last respects in a cortège of cars flying national flags – the Union flag, the Tricolour, the Stars and Stripes and, last and most poignantly, the blue and yellow flag of Sweden.

Mr Wahed al-Masri had been struck by the similarity of the killing of Mr Olof Palme and of his own cousin. "Why do they kill the men of peace; they are mad," he said. "Those who announced my cousin's murder with pride should really feel ashamed. They are criminals and traitors."

The procession was more like a happy football crowd than a funeral march, mostly young people surging forward shouting out first for the dead mayor and then for the Palestine Liberation Organization.

As the procession continued the outlawed Palestinian flag appeared among the banners of the mourners, held aloft by youngsters carried shoulder-high and with their faces hidden in their *kefiyah* headscarves.

Round them other young men, giving the victory sign, chanted for the PLO.

There was a brief stop at the town hall, where a pile of sand surrounded by building blocks and covered in flowers marked the spot nearest the place in the roadway where the mayor was shot on Sunday.

After the service at the main mosque the crowd bore the coffin back to the Masri mosque. By now the plain, crude coffin was draped in the Palestinian flag, and the crowd round it pressed close.

The coffin disappeared beneath the heaving crowd. Suddenly, with no ceremony, out came the body, wrapped in white sheeting, like a mummy. Blood from the fatal bullet wound had made a stain near the head. For moments it stiffly bobbed along the top of the crowd, then disappeared suddenly into its breeze-block tomb.

Throughout, the Israeli occupying army kept a very low profile on one or two strategic rooftops. The soldiers brought in the body of the young man from the refugee camp in a UN ambulance when most of the crowd was at the mosque. They did nothing to stop the waving of the outlawed Palestinian flag.

Letter from Northern Philippines

Crying for a lost political father

When news of the downfall of President Marcos was heard in the northern capital of Laoag, people wept in the streets. For of all the cities in the Philippines, Laoag had been the most favoured with presidential patronage.

The city proudly announces to the world on a hoarding that it is a" disciplined and orderly city", but when Mr Marcos flew out of the country the fear in the south was that the generals and the northern politicians would conspire somehow to bring him back.

When the acting Governor of Ilocos Norte called together the mayors of the province to give them his views on what to do next the southern newspapers were quick to see a plot, despite the fact that the outcome of the meeting was a telegram pledging loyalty to the regime of President Aquino.

When the Mayor of Laoag, Mr Rodolfo Fariñas, was found approaching the headquarters of the revolution at Camp Crame on the outskirts of Manila, and was found to have a band of armed men with him, he was immediately suspected of a suicide attempt to assassinate the rebel leaders."They had been in touch with me to see if I would defect and join them," Mr Fariñas said, "and although I refused I wanted to see them to try to get a safe-conduct pass for myself and my men."

Mr Fariñas, of course, like many other Philippine polititicians, would not dream of travelling anywhere without a number of body-guards armed to the teeth. "The guns were all licensed and legal,"

The reason for this fear of the far north is that this is Mr Marcos's own country. He was born just down the road from here, and a museum enshrines the spot. The boundary of the northern area is marked by the Ferdinand Marcos Highway, overlooked by a bust of Mr Marcos standing 105ft, smiling indulgently from the top of a hill.

There is a five-star hotel with 126 bedrooms and more arebeing built, a few miles from town. The only guests last weekend were a handful of foreign journalists.

There was, perhaps surprisingly, a victory procession to celebrate the accession of Mrs Aquino. A stream of cars bedecked in yellow ribbons ran through the streets

"I was called for in the middle of the night by three cars with 10 people in them," said one leading supporter of the United Nationalist Democratic Organization, Unido, under whose yellow banner Mrs Aquino fought the election.

"Mayor Fariñas wanted to talk to me. They took me to a transport repair shop, and the Mayor was there and talked to me like I was his kid brother, saying that we should all help the President instead.

"It was not that he threatened me . . . but there were 50 people there, and I left feeling humiliated and depressed. He certainly neutralized me on election day. The feeling was one of hopelessness."

Immediately after the election the local leader of Unido, Mr Rosidio Tipin, left the town and headed for Manila and safety.

When Mayor Fariñas returned from the south, trailing newspaper reports that he had been imprisoned for his "suicide assassination attempt", he was given a warm round of applause as he appeared in a public meeting.

Speaking for most people in the room, he said: "I feel that I have lost my political father. I am a neophyte mayor, and I owe everything I am to President Marcos."

The feelings of the north, however, are not restraining the men of the Ibaloi tribe who were dispossessed of their lands to make way for the park around the huge bust of Mr Marcos on the hillside farther south. They have announced that they plan to destroy the monument on March 9.

Michael Hamlyn

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, attends an Industrial Soiree at the Royal Society, London, 8.30pm.

The Prince and Princess of Wales attend the premiere of the film *Out of Africa* at The Empire, Leicester Square, 6.30pm.

Princess Anne opens an exhibition of craftwork at St Mary's Tradescant Church, London, 12; and later attends a reception at the Mansion House, London, 6.30pm.

The Duke of Gloucester presents the 1985 award for the Pollution Abatement Technology Award Scheme at the Royal Society of Arts, London, 2.15; and later opens The Royal College of Physician's Exhibition at the Stock Exchange, London, 6.15pm.

Prince Michael of Kent attends the gala performance of the pantomime *Danish Blues* at Westminster Theatre, London, 8pm.

New exhibitions

Architecture, People and Places, photographs by Morley von Sternberg; RIBA, 66 Portland Pl, W1; Mon to Fri 9.30 to 6 (ends March 24).

Chinese Decorated Porcelain from Jingdezhen; Eric North Rm, Ashmolean Museum, Oxford; Tues to Sat, 10 to 4, Sun 2 to 4 (ends March 1986).

British Trees, photos by Alan Fairhurst and Eric Soothill; Towneley Hall Art Gall, Burnley; Mon to Fri 10 to 5.30, Sun 12 to 5 (ends April 3).

French and English 13 Century Manuscripts; British Library, Gt Russell St, London; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2.30 to 6.

Last chance to see

Work by Michael Phillipson; Woodlands Art Gall, 90 Mycenae Rd, Blackheath, London, Mon to Fri 10 to 7.30 (closed Wed) Sat 10 to 6, Sun 2 to 6 (ends March 4).

Music

Royal Philharmonic Orchestra; Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, 7.30.

Recital including music by Brahms, Debussy and Martinu; Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London; 12.30 to 2.

Organ recital by Andrew Lumsden; St Lawrence Jewry, Guildhall Yard, London; 1pm.

Piano duet by Dmitri and Tanya Alexeev; Bishopsgate Hall, London; 1.05.

Recital by Ursula Snow (violin) and Peter O'Hagan (piano); Southlands College, 65 Parkside, Wimbledon, 7.30.

London Ripieno Society, works by Schubert and Haydn; St Mark's Church, St Mark's Sq, Regents Park, 8.

A Concert of Song by Lynn Davies (baritone) and Richard Simm (piano); St David's Hall, Cardiff; 1.05.

National Festival of Music for Youth, launch day, Nigel Kennedy (classical and jazz violinist); Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, 7.30.

Pianoforte Recital, by Thomas McIntosh; De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill-on Sea; 3.

Kent Youth Jazz Orchestra and Brian Wales Quartette; Sittingbourne and Milton Rotary Club, 8.

Concert by the Richmond Trio; St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Sq, 1.05.

Recital of music composed by Copland, Rachmaninov and Dvorak, James Conlon (conductor), Stephen Hough (soloist); Birmingham Town Hall, Birmingham; 7.30.

Exhibitions in progress

Translations from life and nature: stone carvings by George Kennethson; Peterborough Museum and Art Gallery, Priestgate; Tues to Sat 12 to 5 (ends March 22).

Paintings by Mark le Clair; Niccol Centre, Brewery Court, Cirencester, Glos; Mon to Fri 10 to 4, Sat 10 to 12.30 (ends March 5).

Talks and lectures

Revolutions in Understanding Muscle, lecture by Sir Andrew Huxley; Bennett Lecture Th 1, Trinity Coll, Cambridge 5.

Orpheus or Clio? Reflections on the use of History, lecture by Mr Martin Davies; American Studies Seminar Rm, College House, University of Leicester, 5.30

Myths and Legends: Botticelli and Piero di Cosimo, lecture by Felicity Woolf; Rm 5, National Gallery, 1.

Reynolds and Gainsborough, lecture by Michael Rosenthal; Goldsmiths' Th, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel St, WC1; 6.15.

Leonardo: Master of Invention by Clare Ford-Wille; Highgate Literary and Scientific Instit, 11 South Grove, Highgate, London; 8.15.

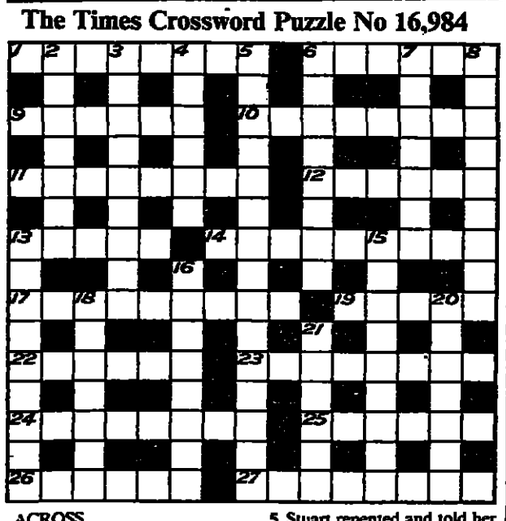
On To The Revolution by Andrew Kirk; St Peter's Church, Vere St, W1; 1.10

General

Registration opens for London to Brighton Bike Ride; The London Bicycle Co, 41 Floral St, WC2; 9.30 to 5.30 (ends mid May).

Daily Mail Ideal Home Exhibition; Earls Court Exhibition Centre, Warwick Road, London; Sun to Sat 10 to 8 (ends 31 March).

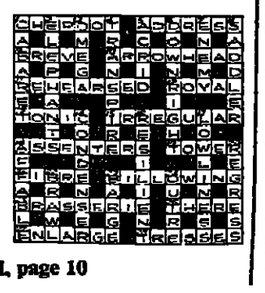
The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,984



ACROSS
1 It's instrumental in broaching wine (8).
6 Vessels circulating for instance in pubs (6).
9 Disclose 19 pictures (6).
10 Heard from river, a satisfied lark (8).
11 Bank beside American railway lines (8).
12 Super speller (6).
13 By the sound of it, want to work (5).
14 Fat round the middle, thin to port (5,4).
17 Smartened scruffy shopkeepers (9).
19 Was about to be a ghost (5).
22 Walk with unsteady gait to get hamper (6).
23 Forceful chap I met in Tours (8).
24 It's well-known outside if I gave information (8).
25 Islander provides some secret anchorages (6).
26 Fish swallowing 18 get thinner (6).
27 Very large dog returns without prizes (8).

DOWN
2 Light (if you've nothing on) a squib (7).
3 Tail-enders put up to defend (9).
4 Character loved by Landor (6).
5 Stuart repented and told her a different version (3,3,9).
6 Slow footballer – give him room (8).
7 Colour ran, spilt inside the store (7).
8 Veronica joins expedition to source (9).
13 Field Marshal Christopher North in good spirits (9).
15 He tattles, blowing up what's new (3,6).
16 What harshness, imprisoning fairy in a filthy hole (8).
18 Referee arrives, without incisiveness (7).
20 Sincerely flatter the article penned by one friend (7).
21 Summits of Alpine peaks including, curiously enough, Snowdon.

Solution to No 16,983



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TV top ten

National top ten television programmes in the week ending 23 February:

BBC 1
1 Eastenders (Tues/Sun) 22.75m
2 Eastenders (Thu/Sun) 22.45m
3 Noel Edmonds Late Late Breakfast Show 16.75m
4 Dear John 15.85m
5 Hancock's Half Hour 15.05m
6 That's Life 14.10m
7 QED 13.65m
8 Every Second Counts 13.45m
9 Hospital Watch (Fri 22-21) 13.20
10 Wogan (Fri) 12.35m

ITV
1 Coronation Street (Mon) Granada 18.65m
2 Wish You Were Here (Mon/Wed) Thames 18.35m
3 Coronation Street (Wed) Granada 17.55m
4 Surprise,Surprise, LWT 15.90m
5 Auf Wiedersehen Pet, Central 15.40m
6 Duty Free, Yorkshire 14.85m
7 Out Of The Darkness, ITV 13.95m
8 =7 Crazy Like A Fox, ITV 13.95m
9 This Is Your Life, Thames 13.90m
10 All At No 20, Thames 13.50m

BBC 2
1 Yes Prime Minister 6.30m
2 M A S H 5.85m
3 Star Trek 4.60m
4 Food and Drink 4.40m
5 =4 Ski Sunday 4.40m
6 International Athletics (Sun 17:20) 4.30m
7 Bob Monkhouse Show 4.25m
8 Sands of Iwo Jima 4.05m
9 =8 Hospital Watch 4.05m
10 Clarence The Cross Eyed Lion 3.95m

Channel 4
1 Brookside (Tues/Sat) 7.05m
2 Brookside (Mon/Sat) 6.95m
3 Treasure Hunt 6.20m
4 Charlie Bubbles 5.50m
5 Android 5.25m
6 Merry Christmas Mr Lawrence 4.70m
7 Bad Blood 4.60m
8 Countdown (Fri) 4.20m
9 Prospects 3.90m
10 Countdown (Wed) 3.80m

Breakfast television: The average weekly figures for audiences at peak times

BBC1: *Breakfast Time*: Mon to Fri 1.7m (8.8m)
TV-am: *Good Morning Britain* Mon to Fri 2.0m (10.6m) Sat 2.9m (6.2m) Sun 1.3m (12.8m)

Broadcasters' Audience Research Board.

Anniversaries

Births:Antonio Vivaldi, Venice, 1678; **Sir Henry Raeburn**, portrait painter, stockbridge, Edinburgh, 1756; **deaths: W Willett**, originator of "daylight savings", Chislehurst, Kent, 1915; **William Carlos Williams**, physician and poet, rutherford, New Jersey, 1963. The Royal National Lifeboat Institution was founded in 1824. First North Sea gas piped ashore, off Durham, 1967.

Roads

London and South-east:A13 Lodge Lane flyover between Barking and Dagenham closed, diversion. A217 southbound delays between St Helier roundabout and Reigate; A10 Lights at Colliers End, nr Ware, Herts

Midlands: M5 Works between junctions 4 and 5, 50mph restrictions; A34 Lights, single line traffic on High St at Henley-in-Arden, Warwicks A435 Lights, lane restrictions at Coughton north of Alcester.

Wales and West: A38 Northbound lane closed between Ashburton and Plymouth; M5 Northbound lane and hard shoulder closures at junction 25 (Taunton) A472 Delays between Hengoed and Nelson.

North: M61 Lane closures at Walton summit near Blacow Bridge at M6 interchange; A49 delays north and south of Tarporley, Cheshire, A64 Contraflow along Malton bypass.

Scotland: A73 Diversion from Stewart St at Carluke and Kirkton St. A74 Lane closures at Poniel Bridge north of A70; A71 delays along Calder Road at junction with Cutlins Road.

Information supplied by AA

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Housing (Scotland) Bill, remaining stages. Salmon Bill, second reading.

Lords (2.30): Drug Trafficking Offences Bill, second reading.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.185	2.045
Austria Sch	23.30	22.10
Belgium Fr	68.40	64.60
Canada $	2.12	2.03
Denmark Kr	12.24	11.54
Finland Mark	7.85	7.25
France Fr	10.20	9.65
Germany Dm	3.53	3.15
Greece Dr	242	217
Hong Kong $	11.50	11.08
Ireland Pt	1.105	1.045
Italy Lire	2250	2140
Japan Yen	270	255
Netherlands Gld	3.74	3.55
Norway Kr	10.50	9.95
Portugal Esc	219	209
South Africa Rd	3.15	2.85
Spain Pta	208	198
Sweden Kr	10.78	10.21
Switzerland Fr	2.61	2.48
USA $	1.50	1.43
Yugoslavia Dnr	510	450

Retail Price Index: 379.7

London: The *FT Index closed down 10.0 at 1267.4.*
New York: The Down Jones industrial average closed at .

Snow Reports

	Depth (cm) L	U	Piste	Conditions Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm) -	°C
AUSTRIA							
Kitzbuhel	55	150	fair	heavy	fair	snow	4
Slush on lower slopes.							
Seefeld	100	130	good	varied	good	snow	1
Visibility bad.							
FRANCE							
Flaine	115	355	good	crust	fair	cloud	-1
New snow on crust							
Les Arcs	140	180	good	varied	fair	fine	5
Slush on lower slopes							
SWITZERLAND							
Crans-Mont	120	170	good	varied	good	fine	4
Good skiing on all pistes.							
Gstaad	45	135	good	varied	good	fair	2
Light fall of fresh snow.							
St Moritz	75	150	good	varied	good	cloud	0
Worn patches but snow falling.							
Verbier	40	240	good	varied	fair	snow	3
Good skiing above 2,000m							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

Weather forecast

Troughs of low pressure will move from the W across all parts.

6 am to midnight

London, SE, Cen S, E England, Midlands, E Anglia: Cloudy or dull, outbreaks of rain spreading E but snow in places at first; wind S to SW light or moderate becoming fresh; max temp 8C (43F)

Channel Islands, SW, NW England, Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man: Cloudy, rain or drizzle at times, coast and hill fog developing; wind S or SW moderate or fresh, but strong later; max temp 9C (48F).

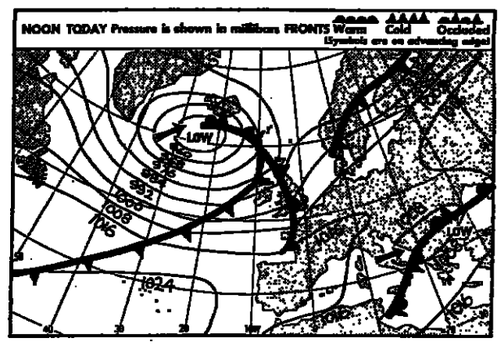
Cen N, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee: Cloudy, rain at times, hill fog patches; wind S or SW moderate or fresh but strong later; max temp 7C (45F)

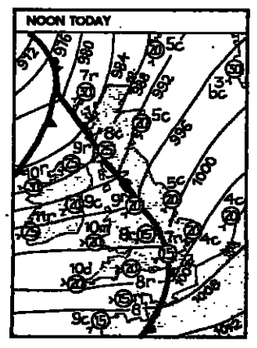
Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Cen Highlands, Moray Firth, Orkney, Shetland: Cloudy, outbreaks of rain, moderate at times, hill fog patches; wind S or SW moderate or fresh increasing strong to gale; max temp 8C (46F).

NE, NW Scotland, Argyll, N Ireland: Cloudy with rain, heavy at times, with hill and coast fog; clearer with showers in evening; wind S or SW strong to gale; max temp 9C (48F).

Outlook for Wednesday and Thursday: Showery weather spreading to all parts. Windy with near normal temperatures.

Sun Rises: 6.40 am Sun Sets: 5.46 pm
Moon rises 3.18 am Moon sets 10.07 am
New Moon:March 10





Lighting-up time

London 6.16 pm to 6.08 am
Bristol 6.25 pm to 6.18 am
Edinburgh 6.23 pm to 6.25 am
Manchester 6.22 pm to 6.18 am
Penzance 6.39 pm to 6.28 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	c	2	36	Guernsey	s	3	37
B'mingham	s	2	36	Inverness	s	4	39
Blackpool	s	2	36	Jersey	s	3	37
Bristol	s	3	37	London	s	4	39
Cardiff	f	2	36	M'chester	f	1	34
Edinburgh	f	2	36	Newcastle	f	1	30
Glasgow	f	3	37	P'ddlenny	f	5	41

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High Tides

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6.56	6.2	7.41	5.9
Aberdeen	7.04	3.4	7.48	3.5
Avonmouth	12.03	10.6	12.38	10.3
Belfast	4.31	3.0	5.20	3.0
Cardiff	—	—	12.23	9.6
Devonport	10.58	4.4	11.41	4.4
Dover	4.17	5.7	4.55	5.3
Falmouth	10.29	4.2	11.11	4.2
Glasgow	5.47	4.5	6.19	4.5
Harwich	4.55	3.4	5.39	3.1
Holyhead	3.41	4.6	4.24	4.5
Hull	11.51	6.1	—	—
Ilfracombe	11.26	7.2	—	—
Leith	6.16	4.5	6.57	4.7
Liverpool	4.31	7.8	5.06	7.6
Lowestoft	2.44	2.2	3.32	1.9
Margate	5.04	4.3	5.50	4.0
Milford Haven	11.51	5.5	—	—
Newquay	10.50	5.6	11.34	5.4
Oban	11.13	2.9	—	—
Penzance	10.15	4.4	11.00	4.0
Portland	11.56	1.4	—	—
Portsmouth	4.49	4.0	5.34	3.7
Shoreham	4.18	5.2	5.03	4.9
Southampton	4.20	4.0	5.06	3.8
Swansea	11.54	7.5	—	—
Tees	9.32	4.2	10.13	4.3
Wlow-on-Ntze	4.57	3.7	5.36	3.4

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Around Britain

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F		Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
EAST COAST					Ilfracombe	—	-	5	41	sunny
Scarboro	2.7	-	4	39	bright	Torbay	9.6	-	5	41	sunny
Bridlington	0.7	-	3	37	cloudy	Colwyn Bay					
Cromer	6.5	-	3	37	sunny	Morecambe	10.0	-	5	41	sunny
Lowestoft	8.5	-	3	37	sunny	Douglas	9.0	-	4	39	bright
Clacton	7.9	-	2	36	sunny						
Margate						**ENGLAND AND WALES**					
SOUTH COAST						London	8.2	-	4	39	sunny
Folkestone	8.3	-	2	36	sunny	B'hme Airpt	10.0	-	4	39	sunny
Hastings	8.5	-	3	37	sunny	Bristol (Cit)	8.3	-	6	43	sunny
Eastbourne	9.1	-	3	37	sunny	Cardiff (Cit)	9.6	-	6	43	sunny
Brighton	9.4	-	2	36	sunny	Anglesey	9.3	-	4	39	sunny
Worthing	6.4	-	3	37	sunny	B'pool Airpt	9.7	-	6	43	sunny
Littlehmpton	6.9	-	4	39	sunny	Manchester	8.9	-	4	39	sunny
Bognor R	7.5	-	3	37	sunny	Nottingham	7.3	-	3	37	sunny
Southsea	7.1	-	5	41	sunny	W'ctl-n-Tyne	4.8	-	4	39	bright
Sandown						Carlisle	9.4	-	5	41	sunny
Shanklin	6.2	-	3	37	sunny						
Bournemouth	7.6	-	4	39	sunny	**SCOTLAND**					
Poole	7.1	-	5	41	sunny	Eskdalemuir	9.6	-	3	37	sunny
Swanage	8.0	0.01	3	37	sunny	Prestwick	10.1	-	3	37	sunny
Weymouth	6.7	-	5	41	sunny	Glasgow	9.7	-	5	41	sunny
Exmouth	7.4	-	6	43	sunny	Tiree	8.8	-	6	43	sunny
Teignmouth	6.8	-	5	41	sunny	Stornoway	1.8	0.02	7	45	showers
Torquay	5.1	-	5	41	sunny	Lerwick	3.6	0.16	7	45	showers
Falmouth	6.8	-	4	39	sunny	Wick	1.6	-	7	45	cloudy
Penzance	5.5	0.02	4	39	sunny	Kinloss	6.8	-	6	43	cloudy
Jersey	4.3	-	4	39	sunny	Aberdeen	4.2	-	6	43	sunny
Guernsey	0.3	-	4	39	cloudy	St. Andrews	-	-	-	-	-
WEST COAST						Edinburgh	7.5	-	3	37	sunny
Scilly Isles	1.9	-	4	39	sunny						
Newquay	9.0	-	6	43	sunny	**NORTHERN IRELAND**					
						Belfast	9.1	-	4	39	sunny

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

	C	F			C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	c	14	57	Cologne	c	1	34	Majorca	s	16	61	Rome	r	12	54
Akrotiri	f	17	63	C'phagn	s	2	36	Malaga	s	-	-	Salzburg	sn	0	32
Alex'dria	f	22	72	Corfu	f	16	61	Malta*	c	16	61	S Paulo*	c	23	73
Algiers	s	20	68	Dublin	f	5	41	Melb'rne	s	24	75	S F'isco*	s	13	55
Amst'dam	s	1	34	Dubrovnk	r	12	54	Mexico C*	s	19	66	Santiago*	s	26	82
Athens	s	15	59	Faro	c	14	57	Miami*	s	15	59	Seoul	s	8	46
Bahrain	f	21	70	Florence*	c	3	37	Milan	s	8	46	Singapr	f	29	84
Barbados*	s	28	82	Frankfurt	c	1	34	Montreal*	f	1	34	Stkholm	s	1	34
Barcelna	f	16	61	Funchal	f	12	54	Moscow	sn	-3	27	Strasb'rg	f	1	34
Beirut	-	-	-	Geneva	c	4	39	Munich	c	-1	30	Sydney	c	23	73
Belgrade	s	0	32	Gibraltar	r	15	59	Nairobi	c	26	82	Tangier	c	16	61
Berlin	s	-3	27	Helsinki	c	0	32	Naples*	f	9	48	Tel Aviv	s	22	72
Bermuda*	s	19	66	Hong K	s	16	61	N Delhi	s	24	75	Tenerife	f	17	63
Biarritz	r	10	50	Innsbrck	f	4	39	N York*	c	3	37	Tokyo	c	10	50
Bost'ne	s	0	32	Istanbul	r	11	52	Nice	c	13	55	Toronto*	c	0	32
Border'x	c	5	41	Jacksn	f	31	88	Oslo	f	1	34	Tunis	s	22	72
Brussels	s	-1	30	Jo'burg*	f	27	81	Paris	s	8	32	Valencia	f	17	63
Budapst	c	1	34	Karachi	s	30	86	Perth	s	15	59	Vanc'ver*	s	7	45
B Aires*	s	25	77	L Palmas	f	19	64	Perth*	s	24	75	Venice	s	8	46
Cairo	s	25	77	Lisbon	c	11	52	Prague	c	-1	30	Vienna	f	-2	28
Cape Tn	s	23	73	Locarno	f	8	46	Reykjvik	f	2	36	Warsaw	s	-2	28
C'blanca	c	18	64	Luxembg	s	-1	30	Rhodes	f	17	63	Wash'ton*	f	8	37
Chicago*	c	4	39	L Angels*	c	16	61	Riyadh	f	21	70	Wel'ngtn*	-	-	-
Ch'church*	c	15	59	Madrid	f	9	48	Rio de J	f	25	77	Zurich	s	-2	28

* denotes Sunday's figures are latest available

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